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ARMY THRICE AS LARGE AS GRANT'S WON ST. MIHIEL

Force Massed Against Salient America's Greatest Up to That Time

BATTLE PLANS IN DETAIL

Whole Maneuver Designed to Be Enveloping Operation on Grand Scale

Probably few persons, however casually tey may have followed the larger events of to World War, or however little previous mowledge they may have had of the geog-phy of Europe, when the phrase "Western of Europe, when the putago '' is mentioned, can fail to recall the two munatic lines which docorated the pages gazines and newspapers for a period of

r years. hat like the edges of a sagging curtain down over the map of northern te upper end fastened to the coast the westermost corner of Belgium, and similarly fastened to the frontier end similarly lastened to the bottom changed alarmingly in the middle aris, was dotted and generally bore "Farthest German Advance."

r line, which was solid, was drawn what toward the Belgian frontier ost of its length, but particularly in the. This line which, until the spring was almost as unchanging from month

as almost as unchanging from monthhad year to year as the dotted one,
y labelled, "Present Battle Front."
the most striking feature of the,
less noticeably reproduced in the
was the sharp kink in it just above
ward Paris; it was as if the falling
i caught on a peg there which held
prevented it from falling farther.
a good deal of truth in the simile
t peg was Verdun, and if the Fronch
gritted their teeth and set their
been that peg from breaking, it is t gritted their teeth and set their to keep that peg from breaking, it is saible that the black curtain of Hun ion might have fallen completely over Europe.

Germans Stick at One Point

Germans Sick at One Point
In August and September of 1913 the Germans, in their repeated tremendous efforts to
take Verdun, had the fortress at one time
practically surrounded on three sides; west,
north and east. But they were eventually
forced buck completely from the western side
and a few kilometers on the north and east.

and a few kilometers on the north and east.

At one point, however, they stuck. Bayarian troops captured the city of St. Mihiel, about 30 kilometers southeast of Verdun, forced their way across the Meuse river, on which Verdun also lies, established a small bridgehead around the subrrb and hill of Chauvoncourt on the western bank, and here fixed a peg of their own which for four years remained a constant threat and emparts sement to the defenders of Verdun ment to the defenders of Verdur upon it was hung the St. Mihle

This salient, always the sharpest inequality in the western battle front, broke forward from the general line of the front near Les Eparges, about 17 kilometers southeast of Verdun. From iviliage, which is on the abrupt edge of the crae slopes of the heights of the Meuse cre they drop to the plain of the Woevre, Voivre, the western side of the galient ran south for about 20 kilometers, ere ing the high, forested hills and descending thei western slopes into the valley of the Meuse an crossing that river to embrace the small genead directly west of St. Miniel.

were scarcely two square kilometer and within the trenches of this bridge of ground within the treatment of this image-hoad, but it was large enough effectually to cut the double-track railway from Verdun to Toul which, reaching on the south to Epinal and Belfort, had, before the war, linked up the four great fortresses of the French castern

prived of this extremely important line, in was obliged to depend for all its rail unications upon the double-track line exed because it was so close to the front as subject to interruption by another, mildouble-track line built in 1916 southwest Vordan to the existing Ste. Menchould-Repline at Nettancourt. The substitutes were, however, so circuitous that it was w process to shuttle troops back and forth mem along the eastern frontier defenses, ossing the Meuse again just above St. I and including in its gircuit Fort du des Romains, the one French fort of the between Verdun and Toul which the Gercantured and held through mess to the use it was so close to the front as stured and held through most of the to the Germans which for miles dominated the Allied lines in the lowlands.

Allied lines in the lowlands.

From Apromont the front ran on by Xivray,
Soicheprey, Flirry, Liney, Regnieville and Feyen-Haye and through, the Foret du Bois lo
Petre to a point on the Moselle river just above
Pont-a-Mousson, about 40 kilometers from St.
Mihiel. The total length of this salient was
about 65 kilometers; at its gorge between Less
Eparges and Regnieville it was about 30 kilometers wide, and from the line between arrai
two points it that forwards.

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SOUADS EAST FOR S.O.S.

Every organization in the S.O.S. is ordered to have a one-half bour drill every day. Sundays and holidays excepted, by G. O. 7. H.C., S.O.S. The drills are to be sharp and snappy with the idea of "getting the men back into shape as military units," the order states.

In addition to the daily drill, every S.O.S. whit is ordered to have a weekly inspection to insure that all men are clean and properly equipped and clothed. Daily inspection of quarters by company officers is also specified.

To make up for the time spent in drills and inspections, a general Saturday atternoon holiday will be observed throughout the S.O.S.

Pressing rooms where uniforms can be kept in good chape, and stands where men can clean and polish their shoes are directed to be established for each company, and shop nolidad dubbin will be supplied by the nolidad state of the lead of the lead of the condition of the head of the canand.

LAWD WAS GOOD TOPVT. WHITFIELD; NOW AWAITS C.M.

General Staff Colonel Does a Lot of Detective Work

Col. Robert Whitheld, of the General Staff, was more and more annoyed when month after month passed and brought no sign of the \$3,000 worth of Liberty Bonds he had ordered from a bank in Arkanasa. But annoyance scarcely describes the emotion he felt when the bank replied coldly that they not only had sent the bonds, but held his receipt for them.

The Colonel wrote the bankers that they were a bunch of crooks, or words to that effect, and he also got a letter to the Attorney General off his chest. The bank countered with a certified copy of the receipt, and there it was, signed "Robert Whitfield, Private, Company I, 370th Infantry." Col. Robert Whitneld, of the General Staff

signed "Robert Whitfield, Private, Company I, 370th Infantry."

370th Infantry."

Still somewhat ruffled, but more honeful. Colonel Whitfield wrote a letter of inquiry to the Colonel commanding that regiment of negro Infantry which boasted a Private Whitfield. The letter arrived just when rumor was already busy as to the source of Private Whitfield's mysterious wealth.

nysterious wealth. The men of Company I had said nothin; when he set them all up to the entire wine stock of the best eafe in Dello, near Belfort. But the gossips got busy when he started pick-ing up odds and ends of fine laces and a dia-mond ring or so—which frippories he posted to a lady in the South. The climax was reached when Private Whitfold bought a hand-come tastfully framed landscane naintirs for ome, tastefully framed landscape painting for 300 frames and hung it over his bunk in a cow

Opens Gates

Farmers' clubs, farmers' institutes and sho

courses in agriculture are to be organized throughout the A.E.F. as a part of the possechool system, under instructions from G.H.Q.

In addition a special lecture system to cov-

to tell about them in their own camps and,

he lectures are particularly capable, on

as possible for the smaller billeting area

Motion picture films and thousands of ed ational lantern slides will be shown in con-

iltural courses will be given at each pos

Beaune University to Open

BASE PORTS OF A.E.F.

Havre and Others

Soon to Follow

are in the process of abandonment, and many atters, including Tonnay Charente, Rechafort, Morans, La Rechelle and Les Sables d'Olonne, will take care of the freight already headed their way and then say farewell to the Stars and Stripes.

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At the same time comes the announcement of the first break in the line of railroad communication, the delivery of the line from Perigeux to Montierchaume, to the Fronch.

The ports mentioned above, all opened during the year 10 m, have 11 delivery of the line from Perigeux to Montierchaume, to the Fronch.

The principal of the State of the State of the Continuo and Prisoners of war. Lo Harve also received 648,488 troops, La Rochelle 3,590 and Marsaille 819.

The first stop taken in the abundonment of a port is a notification to the French Government that the United States is ready to return the port. All freight in the port is then unloaded and the warehouses cleaned out. All stoydore material is shipped to Bassean, near Bordeaux. A great deal of material is being sold to the French.

The plan of the Transportation Department is now to concentrate on the three main ports and the superior of the three main ports of the principal store of the three main ports of the ports of the three points of Notification and Antworp, this can be done easily without causing congestion. The following figures show the total tonnage handled by each of the ports about to be closed, with their dates of opining;

Tommay-Charente and Rochefort, Feb. 20, 517,669 ton: 1918 Rochello and Marans, Jan. 2, 1918 ... 74,554 tons Marsella, July 9, 1918 ... 487,501 tons L48 Sabba d'Olonne, Aug. 28, 1818 ... 52,726 tons

RETURN TO FRENCH

here the demand warrants it and the tea

wide range of subjects not taught in post hools is to be established throughout the

ntained in Bulletin 9.

asily available.

The official inquiry then started brought to ght that Private Whitfield had, as suspected ed tried his best to think up some rich uncl

Nor his annia, enter. So twee he manice the bonds back. The third time, when they traited him into the Argonne, he accepted them fatalistically. Why?

"Well, anh, Ah jes' natchully reckoned de Lawd mus' a meant to be good to me."

So Private Whitfield is now awaiting trial. The Judge Advocate is scratching his head. Whatever crime was committed, if any, it certainly was not forgery. Meanwhile, the art exhibit has vanished from the cow stable and the bank where the bonds were hypothecated has made a grab for Private Whitfield's salary, past, present and to come.

Quite a way to come, too, according to the present figuring, for it has been calculated that, with all due allowances for insurance and allotments, Private Whitfield will have to stay in

SOMEONE PUT ONE **OVER ON SOMEONE**

Number of 9x4x3's in Excess of A.E.F.'s Strength

leak Christmas day, cheated of even his ting ainted in the drab colors of the gloom artist one measly little slip for one 9x4x3 tha

3's which arrived in Europe-and the total

mptied and checked before the P.E.S. began one which had arrived and never been dis-tered. But no. It was just a simple action more backeds and men—and there is no processed to the processed of the processed of the Incidentally, for the young-man-about the E.P. who is still mediated.

S.O.S. TO HAVE FIELD MEET

EX-Y.M.C.A. MEN JAILED

Throe former secretaries of the Y.M.C.A. rested last January on charges of embezzling ands entrusted to them have been found guild, a military court-martial and sentenced to

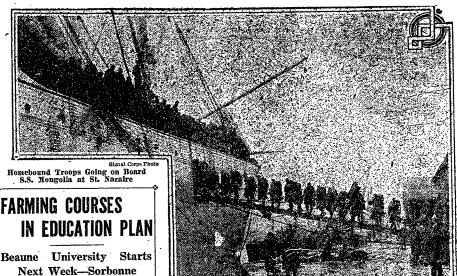
by a mintary contrastrata and selections of 15 years was imposed upon George B. Schoeffel of Rochestor, N. Y., and Rev. Hugh B. Atkins and J. Mynsield of New York were each given ten-year torms. While divisional secretary of the Y.M.C.A. at Toul, Atkins appropriated for his own use 140,000 frances, most of which had been given to him by soldiers to be sent to their homes, the made restriction of a greater part of this total. Schoeffel was charged with stealing 51,000 francs.

FIRST PRISONERS FREED

The first German prisoners to be freed by the Allies, 800 men of Alsatian-Lorraine descent captured by the A.E.F., are about to be released from the American prison camp at St. Pierre des Corps, near Tours, under an agreement with the French Government.

Children and the French Government of the Corps and the

THE BRIDGE WHOSE WESTERN END IS AMERICA DIVISIONS WILL



BIG RIFLE MATCH FOR WHOLE A.E.F.

PLANNED IN MAY

Grand Scale Competition to Instructions for Assembly Be Held on Range Near Le Mans

Under Field Conditions

of firing will be made known in advance to the platoon leaders, and each platoon will advance as in an attack during real battle, to be confronted with the conditions under which it must demonstrate its ability. Judging will be on the formations adopted, the estimate of the tactical situation, the application of firing and general conduct.

Officers and soldiers will be awarded medals according to their standings in the various individual events. The winning platoons in the muskerty match will be awarded a trophy, and the men in the platoon will be given broaze

Rouen Already Closed, Le BOOKS BY MAIL TO A.E.F.

Any soldier in the A.E.F. may obtain two books by mail, whether he is stationed on the Rhine or in the Mediternanean or billeted in a village in Burgundy, by the simple process of writing a letter or posteard, naming the books he wants, to the American Library Association, 10 Rue de l'Elysee, Paris. In writing he is expected to name second and third choices for

expected to name the condition of the choices for any book asked for the library association expects 100,000 soldiers to write for books in the conning month. In the same month it expects to establish 1,000 separate new libraries for American units scattered through France.

In addition to mailing books to individual soldiers, the American Library Association has undertaken to help furnish the books needed for the poet schools established by the Army Educational Commission. The association has prepared a catalogue of 1,000 books, classified according to subjects from practical treatises on motion picture machines, dairying, printing and plumbing to works on astronomy and Gothic cathedrals.

INSIGNIA TO STAND

Divisional insignia can be worn in the United States by officers and men returning to be mustered out of the service. The Secretary of War says so. The following instructions on the sub-lect have been received at General

ject have been received at General Headquarters;
"The Secretary of War directs that Circular 18, War Department, 1916, be amended to make it clear that all officers and men returning from overteas for the purpose of discharge, either with units or casuals, will be permitted to wear divisional insignia. This will apply not only to those who are in divisions but to those who are in divisions but to those who return as casuals to hospitais. Casuals returning from overseas for active duty in United States will be required to remove their insignia."

CABLE IS AWAITED FOR DISPOSITION **OF 70,000 GRAVES**

Expected Daily from War Department

Cable instructions are expected daily from the War Department in the States in regard to the assembly and final disposition of America's 70,000 graves in Europe.

"The final disposition of bodies will be considered and executed as an entire project, at such time, probably after the conclusion of peace, as the vastness and difficulty of this almost inconceivable task may make possible." So the authorities announced in the midst of the war, and despite the fact that it was also announced that "return of bodies to the United States will be made in due time except in cases where a specific request to the contrary is made," this, the assurance that there will be a summing up and final disposition of the dead as a great singled out task, is the only definite answer that the Government at this moment can give to this question. In fact, the matter of the final disposition of the American dead have been returned to the United States.

Indications are that Congress will finally provide for the return of all bodies desired returned, but that at least a half of our dead, by the preference of those concerned, will rest permanently in France.

In the meantime, the A.E.F. is gathering its dead together, that in death they may be as they were in life—in serried ranks, shoulder, comrades. From frezen dugouts, from old ruins, from those hastily improvised and now sunken openings in the ground that were shell holes and battle graves, from wheat field and river bank and meadow knoll, from all of the thousands of places of isolation and great loneliness, the dead are being tenderly lifted and borne to take their places in the ordered ranks of the Army.

4,000 at Work on Problem

was concerned, the job was done. But these soldiers would not have it so. They went through pile after pile of salvage and found a lot of iron rails; they begged or borrowed cement from the neighboring region, and put a fence of concrets and iron around that the content of the salvage and the salvage

Twelve Areas in France

The whole of France has been divided into three advances and nine other areas, including base and intermediate sections and the Distric of Paris. These areas are cut into numbere ocks of six kilometers square, and again su blocks of aix kilometers square, and again sub-divided into lots a kilometer square. Units from the Graves Registration Sorvice are cover-ing overs square kilometer of the terrain ther-oughly, collaborating with old records in con-firming and establishing graves, discovering in all kinds of out-of-the-way places new graves never roported, searching in overy conceivable

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GO HOME IN ORDER OF ARRIVAL HERE

Priority Announced by G.H.Q.

FIGURES FOR FOUR MONTHS 20 MILLIONS OF SUPPLIES

27th, 30th, 85th, 37th and 91st Due to Sail in March-Some **Exceptions Made**

March: 27th, 30th, 85th, 37th and 91st. April: 26th, 77th, 82nd, 35th and 42nd. May: 32nd, 28th, 33rd, 80th and 78th. June: 89th, 90th, 29th and 79th.

ng capacity: March, 212,000; April, 221,000; May, These figures, however, as pointed out last week by General Harbord, are subject to vari-

All told 14 divisions already have gone out f existence as divisional units so far as the L.F. is concerned. These are the 76th, 39th, 87th, 84th, 86th, 34th, 31st, 38th, 8th, 93rd

regiments having been in service with the

MORE THAN SIXTH OF A.E.F. HAS NOW LEFT FOR HOME

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NO AFTERNOON DRILLS

No more regular afternoon drills for the troops of the A.E.F.

Except when maneuvers or exercises of large units are taking place, purely military work will customarily be finished by noon, it is directed in G. O. 27, G.H.Q. The new order states further that afternoons will be devoted chiefly to athletics and educational activities.

The order also specifies that beginning March 1 the training of troops will proceed under programs and schedules prepared by division or similar commanders. Corps communders will be permitted to reserve not to exceed four days a month for divisional or corps terrain exercises or maneuvers.

O.M. TO TAKE OVER Y.M.C.A. CANTEENS: TRANSFER IN MARCH

General Policy on Sailing Organization Asks Change After 18 Months of Operation

Auxiliary Assumed Charge of Exchanges in August, 1917, at C.-in-C.'s Request

These facts were made public in states sucd at G.H.Q. and at Y.M.C.A. headqua

It is stated in letters also given o the signing of the armistice and re-

It is estimated by the Y.M.C.A. that the rausfer of the system involves canteen sup dies now on hand valued at \$20,000,000.

canteens by the organizations themselves

"The tomage which could be allotted to the Y.M.C.A. for transport of supplies from the United States was far short of the amount requested. Realizing that deliveries under the circumstances could not meet the needs of the Y.M.C.A. set alouts supplementing the amount of supplies sent from the United States.

Y.M.O.A., the Y.M.C.A. set about supplementing the amount of supplies sent from the United States.

"A purchasing department was organized and instructions were issued to utilize to the maximum, the domestic market of France, Italy, Switzerland and Spain. Associations were also entered into with the French Ministry and French manufacturrs, resulting in the reopening of 46 definite factories which had been closed following the French decree closing up candy and pastry factories.

"An agreement for the taking over of the Y.M.O.A. factories and warehouses, to take effect January 1, 1919. was cutered into between the Chief Quartermaster, A.E.P., and Mr. Carter, head of the V.M.O.A., and arrangoment made whereby the Y.M.O.A. would purchase direct from the Q.M.O.; in spite of all efforts, however, the Y.M.O.A. was unable to secure the necessary supplies.

"Army personnel and transportation are now available for this work. The Y.M.O.A. will be relieved from the heavy burden, and many of the personnel will be used for other purposes. Officers at O.H.Q. and in the Chief Q.M.'s office are now working on plans for the new system of exchanges."

Following is the Y.M.C.A. is statement:
"Soon after America entered the war the Army asked the Y.M.C.A. took ever the post exchange service, thereby releasing "many officers and mon for the functions of training and fighting. The Y.M.C.A. took ever the post exchange work as a patiotic duty, as part of its work of service to the American soldier.
"It was a difficult task. The Association foresaw this, but America had called and the 'Y answered.

package of Pickmont cigarcites for, say, 15 centimes. That was their cost price in the United States. The Y.M.C.A., paying the Army's selling price for the package of Pickmont cigarcites, had to cell them. for, say, 25 centimes. The difference represented transportation, plus insurance, etc.

"The matter of ocean transport was a costly proposition. There might be mentioned two shiploads in particular of the many the Y.M.C.A. brought to France, paying sometimes as high as \$200 a ten for freight space.

"These two shiploads came to Marselle. Their cargoes totalia. \$250,000 in value. The freight was \$150,000. The insurance was \$15,000. This was prior to August, 1916, when the submarine mence loomed large. The high freight rate—which did not include faland transport aligh insurance rate on these two cargoes necessitated a high selling prices high at Y.M.C.A. post exchanges. When the association took over the work, it asked for ship space of 224 tons a month for each unit of 25,000 men. This request was based on carrful estimates.

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of 224 tons a numerous men. This request was based on carottu teamates.

"War's exigencias prevented the Y.M.O.A. from being allotted what it saked. Up to a late period in 1918, the Y.M.C.A. received an average allotment of but 78 tons a month for each unit of 25,000 men.

"To supply this lack, the Association took over 46 factories in France. These turned out per month 10,000,000 bars of checelate and 12,000,000 packages of sweet biscuit fe round figures.

figures.

"Also the association bought in France,
Great Britgin, Spain, Italy and Switzerland
great quantities of supplies for the post exchanges.

anges.
"War conditions made prices of supplies and bor very high. This increased, of course, the

cost: price to the Y.M.O.A. and also increased the selling price to the soldiers. But the 'Y.' by paying high prices, obtained for the soldiers supplies they otherwise would not have had. 'Was is better to pay and charge high prices where necessary, or let the soldiers go without the things they wanted! 'In taking over the post exchange, the association stipulated that any possible profit should be the soldiers of the soldiers and the soldiers are the soldiers are the soldiers and the soldiers are the soldiers and the soldiers are the soldiers

Canteens Ran at Loss

"Furthermore, operation of the post exchange cost the Y.M.O.A., operating on the money gives by the people of the United States 1,622,820 france, exclusive of any secretaries of canteen promised or any proportion of the function of the property of the control of the co

Letter Asking Relief

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Here is the Y.M.C.A.'s letter asking to
lieved of the post exchange business:
Doar General Pershing:
"A year and a half ago you requested t
M. O. A. to undertake the operation of t
st exchange for the A.E.T. in order th
licers and enlisted men may not be take
any for that purpose from their paramoul
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in imported, manufactured and delivered by
Y.M.C.A. In view of the changed situation
which to know whether you do not think if
be possible or the changed situation
are of post exchanges throughout the
L.F.

"Sincerally yours.

"Sincerely yours,
"E. C. Carter,
"Chief, A.E.F., Y.M.C.A.

General Pershing's Reply

Fo this General Pershing replied:

'My Dear Mr. Carter:

lves take over and operate their own pos-changes.
"In making the change, permit me to ank you for the very valuable services at assistance which the Y.M.C.A. has-indered to the A.E.F. in handling these xchanges. Handicapped by shortage of mange and of land transportation, the .M.C.A. has by extra exertion served the rury better than could have been expected, not you may be assured that its aid has een a large factor in the final great accum-lishment of the American Army.

"Very cardially yours,
"John J. Pershing,"

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place for lost dead, and finally indentifyin
and bringing together in the smaller of
larger central resting placer all the sent
tered members of this proud legion.

The result of their work is wired to Tours
which busies itself with cards and mane
again, and a neat lay-out is made, showing
the new cemetery and every grave it holds
Gathered in this way, mapped out to the
square inch, and with every detail indexed.

America's dead will be safe from all doubt
and from loss.

There will be a few property.

as paintiff struction when it arises—
of Army may look the soldier's people
by in the face, if persistence has rein failure, and say: "We are very
We cannot find your boy. We have

England—one at Liverpool with 624 graves and another at Magdalen Hill, Winchester with 522 graves. There are 600 graves in Scotland, the greater number of them con-taining the bodies of the victims of the There are graves in Italy, Luxembourg Germany and Russia. There is a small American cemetery at Coblenz.

American cemetery at Coolenz.

Among our battlefield cemeteries in
France, Plolsy on the Alsne is the largest
with 1,182 graves. Nantillois, Vauhecourt,
Fismes and Froldos come next in point of numbers The most important American cemeteries in France other than these in the advance areas are Merignac at Bordeaux Lambezellec at Brest, Suresnes at Paris, St. Nazaire, Issoudon, Beaune, Mesves, Commercy, Contrexeville, Bazoilles and Le Mans.

TAG NO. 1 GETS TAGGED

Murder will out. Arthur B. Crean, celebrated through the A.E.F. as the possessor of Identification Tag No. I. has lost his proud rank of Master Hospital Sergean and is now nothing but a second looey, having become sambrowneized on Armistice Day. For the benefit of those soldiers who do not read ancient history, it may be mentioned that this occurred on November 11, 1918.

305,819 A.E.F.'S TOTAL REPLACEMENTS

The figures that show just which American divisions received the most replacements provide interesting reading, but it must be remembered that, for several reasons, they do not furnish an exact guide as to the losses suffered by those divisions. For one thing, no figures are available prior to May I, 1918, by which time the 1st, 2nd, 20th and 42nd had already been subjected to losses. Then it must also be remembered to the control of the start at full strength, that others were not restored to full strength after losses, and that many vacancies were not caused by casualities at all. Men returning to the line from the hespitals were, of course, counted as replacements, even when they went back to their own outlits. The authorized strength of a division was 28,243.

The divisions, printed in the order of replacements received from May 1 to

The divisions, printed in the order of replacements received from May 1 to November 13, follow:

	Replace.	Hirenath
Divisions	ments	Nov. 13, 1918
2nd	35,343	23,099
1st	30,206	26,272
3rd	24,633	25,076
2815	21,717	23,610
3280		24,576
	19,559	26,033
£5	17,253	28,430
420d		20,709
26th	. 14.443	24,308
77th	. 12.72%	
5th	. 12.613	21.675 22.172
#14L	. 12,539	22.172
35th	10,605	28,243
wand	8,402	22,768
39th	7,665	22,320
117th	6.252	23,391
79th	6,216	22,804
23rd	- 5.415	23,986
2710	5, 255	19,279
29th	4.977	20.946
kitti b	4,496	24,588
	4.437	20,873
, 500		25,187
360		23,435
7810	3,190	19,762
920d	2.929	26,894
. MD		24,798
30th		20,692
		23,731
		25,428
. 841b	734	23,425
Total replacements	.305,819	

TRUST FUNDS FOR ORPHANS OF A.E.F., NOW ORDER OF DAY

Units Sailing for States Providing for Mascots' **Future Care**

Not only are the 2.114 French war orphans adopted by Yank units under Tus
STAIRS AND STRIPES plan reaping a barvest
these days in the shape of a growing general
Continuation Fund, but a number of inHividual trust funds are being created,
Since the campaign for adoptions closed in
December, the parrains have turned their
ttention in many cases to insuring the
turne welfare of their individual mascots
THE STARS AND STRIPES Bureau of the
most worthy cases to beneit under the
continuation Fund. These children are beng taken from among the first to be adopted
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Copies of the booklet, "From French Mascots to Their American Godfathers," published by the American Red Cross, can be obtained free by applying to The Stars AND STRIPES. The history of the campuing in behalf of French war orphans is explained and the remainder of the booklet sideword to \$50 letters from the orphans and a list of adoptors up to the date of publications of the letters written to Compublications of the letter with the letter food Godfathers:

"I want to tell you at once how happy and proud I am to be your little ward. Mother had already talked to me about you hefore this, when we received your kind letter and the generous gift enclosed. We were just having dinner with my sisters and the second of the letter from the American Red Cross and everybody cherted and shouted. Hurrah for America! Here I am, very fur away from the war, but father went these and never came back. Our teacher says you have come to avenue him, so I tell you twice: Thank you, once "I live with mother, my grandfather and my sisters in a little village in the Alps. Father was smith in that village, but now the shop is abandoned and it is very sad, if such 15 your wish we shall have a chat

Father was smith in that village, but now the shop is abandoned and it is very saddif such is your wish we shall have a chat together every month. Tell me when you will be fighting and I shall pray for you. Tell me also how many you are an will. Tell me also how many you are an will. "Goodbye, dear Godfathers, I love you from the bottom of my little French heart." "Louis Jeannot Al-Phand."

COURIERS AID ANXIOUS

Murder will out. Arthur B. Crean, celebrated through the A.E.F. as the possessor of Identification Tag No. 1, has lost his proud rank of Master Hospital Sergeaniand is now nothing but a second loocy, having become sambrowneized on Armistice Day. For the beneit of those soldiers who do not read ancient history, it may be mentioned that this occurred on November 11, 1918.

Some weeks ago the Stars and Stripes made known the indentity of No. 1 and called for later details of his career. But No. 1, then engaged in the intricacies of adjusting leatifier putts without having them bulge at the shins, neglected to answer. Second Lieutenant Crean is now attached to G.H.Q.

PRESIDENT PAYS TRIBUTE TO A.E.F. IN BOSTON SPEECH

Peace Treaty May Be Ready to Sign When He Returns Here in March

NEW LEAVE TRAINS **NOW IN OPERATION**

Third Army Men Also Get Chance at Foreign Traveling

ays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, and Souilly on Mondays, Wednesdays and

oint for all Second Army men on leave, he permissionnaires are routed at Is-sur-ille to Chamonix. Valles-les-Bains or the

Fille to Chamonia.
Special leave trains are also being run, as necessity demands, between the embarkation areas of Le Mans and the leave areas of St. Malo, on the coast of Brittany, and Cauterets, in the Pyrenées.

The American Express, the special train carrying the members of the A.E.P. from Paris to the Riviera, will hereafter cross the Italian border to Vintimilie, using that town as its terminal instead of Monton. This change has been made to accommodate men going on leave to Italy, of whom there. Thirty officers and 30 enlisted men of the Third Army are leaving daily for England; So enlisted men go to Belgium daily; seven men leave every other day for Italy, and 35 officers and 80 enlisted men daily leave for Paris.

aris. The same time the daily excursion are giving thousands of American res the chance to see the begendary of the Ithine. Boats running to the i Rock and Bingen operate on the reneck wagon plan, guides calling out of arm served on the boats. Hospital ints are among the excursionists.

COMPLETE DIVISION REVIEWED BY C.-IN-C.

26th Stages First Ceremony of Its Kind Ever Held in A.E.F.

The first complete divisional review ever held in the A.E.F., wherein all arms of a division, including the divisional Artillery, were present, was held near Eccomoy in the Le Mans area on February 19, when the C.-in-C. reviewed the 26th Division and decorated 50 of its members with the D.S.C. and 19 with the Crotx de Guerre.

At 8 o'clock in the morning the dough-hoys began arriving on the drill field and the huge problem of massing an entire division on a few acres of ground was began arriving on the drill field and the huge problem of massing an entire division on a few acres of ground was began a first of the second of t

Something more than 700 players from the theatres in America are now on duty as entertainers in the A.E.F. This total does not include, of course, the amateurs in olive drab who nightly sing and dance and beat their bosoms for the amusement of their own and other outfits all over France and the Rhineland. Nor does it include the considerable number of actors in the Arm tary duties for entertainment purposes in

The list of players now doing their turn

on the Army board include some of the veteran favorites of the American stage, as

home, has taken the doughboys by storm. Some have only just arrived—40 showed up for assignment on Monday of this week —while others have been plugging away at it since August. Most of the first to contention of the first to contention of the first to contention of the first to content on the first of the content of the first to content one of the really great need for their services.

They are keeping at it, though they know that a few of the entertainers stayed over just long enough to say they had been here, when, ladened with German helmets, they hustled back to the States and advertised the fact for all they were worth.

es traveling in stuffy coaches. Then sing

in the rain raises the devi with one's emperament.

Most of the players, however, were used for roughing it because they had been it andeville, for it was the good old two-aley, at which the high-brows scoff, which are the A.E.F. the great majority of its intertainers. Cressy and Dane, who are now it Nicc, Kelly and Pollock at Aix-les-Bains cardon and Perry and Hunting and Franch in Coblenz way—all these were produced by the varieties and the A.E.F. thinks they are the salt of the earth.

are the sait of the earth.

"One reason why vaudeville responded most handsomely to the first call for entertainers was because the first appeal was made more directly to the skilled entertainers of the music halls," one of the entertainment chiefs said this week. "When, in behalf of the entertainment program. Winthrop Ames, director of the Little Theatre in New York, and P. H. Sothern, the retired Shakespearean actor, came better the same of the contrainment of the same of the sam

an, which would have could have been at "Quite a bit."
"Quite a lot, of things could have been anged if they had been forseen in time, anged if they had been made by anybody at the country to the country of the count nged if they had been torseen it this, o mistakes had been made by anybody a every one had been determined to ser die in the attempt."



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DIVISIONS TO LEAVE IN ORDER OF ARRIVAL

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casuals: S.S. Grant Northern, 349th Fid. Art., casuals, sick and wounded; I.M.S. Aquitania, 369th Int., 317th Amm. Tr., casuals, sick and wounded; S.S. Rocham-heau, 192ad Eng., P. and S. Hg., Band, Cos. A. B C. and D. Ord. Det., San. Det. Eng. Tr. and Cas Bets. Adv. Det. 27th Div.

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The average Yank returning to the States generally hits the gangplank with 163 francs and 50 centimes to be exchanged into United States money. So say the embarkation officials, after experience with the 300,000 and more who have left the A.E.F.

The good ship Leviathan ought to be at Brest now any day with \$5,000,000 in Unele Sam's currency and another shipment of the same amount will be on the way about March 1. These two modest little nest eggs will be used to exchange the francs of the parting A.E.F. into dollars and dimes and two-bit pieces.

pieces.

However, at the ports Uncle Sam does not recognize German money, and if you have any of it is advisable that you exchange it in becapied territory.

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HUN HELMETS BOOST WORK

It's a Busy Life, All Right, for Large-Thumbed Sorters of Yanks' Multitudinous Mail

no mail clerks of the A.E.F. decide to hoist their own distinctive shoulder insignia it will be a thumb, a right thumb that looks like an ordinary thumb that has been datened cut with a hammer. For the right thumb

twill be a thumb, a right thumb that looks like an ordinary thumb that has been flattened cut with a hammer. For the right thumb of covery experienced mail sorter is almost one-third main as broad as his left and you can always tell the old timers among the 3,500 officers and enlisted men of the A.E.F. postal service by the breadth of their right thumbs. But there are several thousand soldiers in the postal service whose right thumbs are just spreading out with the first, year's experience. Yesterday they were in combat organizations. Today, though, they are being fitted into the Army mail system, a system that has been chasing itself day after day to keep pace with its expansion.

Overburdened from its birth, the Army postal system has never been free from the pressure of new growth. In July last year the Army took over from the Postal Department the job of handling its own mail. The A.E.F. became its own postmaster.

In July, 1918, the Army in France filled 29,000 sacks with its Jetters and puckages. In December, 1918, the A.E.F. postal system was distributing 132,000 sacks of mail. In January the A.E.F. heart 27,878,000 letters sack to the States through Dordenax and Brest, and the folks back home, living up to their record all through the war, returned almost two letters arriving to be distributed through the lates of the A.E.F.

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Homebound Helmets by the Sackful

Just as an incident in January's postal business the port of Bordeaux loaded 15,000 mail full of German belmets on homewar bound boats. There were some other souvenir mixed in among the helmets, of course, an the old iron market of a few years to come will probably have a new listed material, "as torted and mixed Prussian scrap," or somthing like that.

American soldier has lived up to the letter-writing reputation of the American per Today the volume of business of the A.E.P. postal system is larger than that of the entire French civilian postoffice system, and it is still growing. New plans call for an A.E.F. postoffice in Berlin, more than 500 calisted men and 100 officers having proceeded German interior points on Red Cross and

AEF, mail system is modeled on th ack-home way of handling mail. There are 4 long railroad lines over which A.E.F. mail g rational lines over which A.E.F. mass, in charge of A.E.F. soldiers, pass On 18 of the 24 lines mail is sorted on There are 350 soldiers who travel on oaches as guards-part of their duty is that the mail coach isn't sidetracked to see that the mail coach isn't sidetracked and forgotten in some out-of-the-way switching yard. These men live on the coaches, eat sleep and all, and they are almost constantly traveling. Layovers are short and come only at the end of long journeys.

German Mail Cars Used

. In addition to former equipment, 20 new German mail cars have just been taken over by the A.E.F. and are now running daily over arious lines. The cars have stoves, sleepin bunks and ingenious devices for sorting. German signs are still posted on the sides Some of these cars are keeping the Third Army in touch with the rest of the Army and home between Coblenz and New York: It might be shorter.

an example of the way it works, the Third Army mail coach left Coblenz at 10:34

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February 20. The coach arrived in is at 9:45 am, the next day and its consistence of the second arrived in the second arrived in the second army the second arrived in the second are second are second arrived in the second are second

At the Central Postofice at Bourges is the reest general delivery system in the world, place with 1,500 clerks, 60,000 pigeonholes and an index which contains a card for every se of the 2,000,000 officers and men in rance. Anyone suspecting his mail is being isdirected is expected to notify the Central satoffice.

puzzles by this time. At Bourges the other day they received a letter addressed to: "Mr. Charles Pollard, number 4 in the front rank." They found him. Another one was addressed to: "Mr. Jim Hall, A.E.F., has a light spot on his head."

They found him. Another one was addressed to: Mr. Jim Hall, A.E.F., has a light spot of the cause late of trouble. It is ask, of course, to tell where this one goest "C.O. P.E.S. G.II.Q. A.E.F." but the big haunting black cat of the P.E.S. is the triplicated "A.F.F." especially when it gets or mail that falls in Fronch or British postoffices. The French have an A.E.F. also, but it means "Afrique Est Francais." Of course, the British postoffice akes it for Australian mail. Most of these letters are retrieved, however. Some time ago cards were issued in some organizations, asking the men to advise their home correspondents to direct all mail to the "American Expeditionary Forces" in full, or at least to "Am. E.F.". This profess helped that least to "Am. E.F.". This profess helped the corre-over to all American mail dropped in French civilian postoffices.

Incomplete addresses of units and confusion of French cography also cause trouble. Letters come addressed to a soldier in Neully, There are ask or seven Chaumonts, Jusserands, Clermonts and Chalons—in fact, almost all French towns have brother and sister towns.

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WAR OF THE CHEVRONS WAXES HOTTER STILL

MUCH AS WE DO

But A.E.F.'s Protests Against

Pending Legislation

May Be Needless

and Has Figures

The proposal made by the House Committee

The proposal made by the House Committee of the But it is to laugh—not a hale, hearty.

suggestion.

Now comes unofficial news from Washington that the offending proposal has been struck from the pending Army Bill, but in case it should be revived later, a few of the letters received by this office are put in print as contributions to the already voluminous literature of the controversy. of the centroversy.

To the Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES: I notice that Congress wants to abolish our service stripes because they would make painful distinctions between the lucky men who came to France and those condemned to serv-

General had been made Commander-in-Chief of the A.E.F. he would probably have been dec-orated, too.

This argument can be prolonged indefinite by, but you probably get me by this time, any way.

Sample Soldat.

WHAT WILL MOTHER SAY?

To the Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES And to the gentlemen who framed the Bill: You have stapped us in the face. A small stripe. Not much, is it? A mother who has given will not care if her son returns, after year of going over the top, without any disa year of going over the copy without an insigna of his service to his country in a foreign land.

This soldier who has hiked by night and

Tals soluter who has hiscer by ment and fought by day, whose mind is searred by visions of hell upon earth, deserves no special credit, no distinction from the soldier of leisure. And anyway his old uniform will only be worn a few short days after his dismissal. He would not be proud of this small mark of appreciation that his Government could allow

appreciation that his Government could allow him to wear without a cent of expense. Yes, we suppose that your progressive body knows best. The military customs of the ages must be discounted. Very foolish, isn't it, all this tomfoolery of Prench decoration. British decoration? All rot! A man who does his duty should be content with the knowledge

decoration! An according to the knowledge that he did that duty.

Gentlemen, you have attained the highest degree of Democracy. You have pleased the A.E.F. and the A.E.F. will not forget you when it returns to America.

Pvt., A.E.F.

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To the Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES

1 am a soldier of many years' experience
and have done my bit under shell fire in thiwar, and all I have to show for it is a gold
service bar. I prize my one stripe as muclif not more than any other part of my uniform or service badge, and know others of the
A.E.F. feel the same way about it.

Now here comes some joy-killer from a
shell-proof hole where he has been during the
whole war, to take this privilege away from
us,—away from men who faced the music m
der difficulties that people such as he wil'
never realize.

Why? Because of two reasons. He has a
son, a relative, or maybe himself, who did not
get over here and he cannot work a gold stripe
or perhaps he det hee cripes for the Govern
and thad an idea of his own to pat over
t homestly believe if this matter was sifte;
a down to the bottom you would find Mr. Shel;
a Proof guilty of one, if not both, of these reasons.

I have great hopes of Congress taking such-

would burn.

Such a man as old Mr. Shell Proof is nothing more than pro-German, to try and discontent over 2,500,000 men and bother our Congress with such a Bill as this.

A Contain

FLAPDOODLE AND BUNK

To the Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES chevron should not be worn by the A.E.F because it differentiates between the soldier necause it discrementates between the soldier who did now. Very well, ign't the wound chevron a mark of distinction, and the Distinguished Service Cross, the Modal of Honor, and the Campaign Bar!. Does a good soldier begrudg

misdirected is expected to notify the Central rate postofice.

In addition, the P.E.S. tries in all kinds of ways to induce soldiers to give proper new addresses to their old postofice addresses when they change their station. At the Bourges general delivery office 200 sacts of misdirected mail arrive daily for tracing.

Paging Jim Hall

The mail hustlers admit they are good at muzzles by this time. At Hourges the other lay they received a letter addressed to the lards possible and the state of the state of the lards possible and the state of the state of the lards are good at the lards possible and the state of the lards are good at the lards possible and the state of the lards are good at the lards possible and the state of the lards are good at the lards possible and the lards possible and

say that some of our ideals are going to but the tohogonal human, and we have had a Zreat sufficiency of flaphondle and humk. We do not want our memores and inhousy—after we have carned thom. The A.E.P. wants a great, hig does of horse sense injected into all legislation concerning us. The war havn't deprived us of our vision, our perspective, nor our sense of humor; rather it has enlarged and broadened them—and we'll not be fooled. Raymond Kukuck,

Cpl., Supply Co., 51st Pioneer Inf.

over here and just what I went through, and I don't care whether anybody else knows it or on Military Affairs to settle the burning cheving outproversy by abolishing all chevrons, note and silver alike, has inspired an avalanche of letters to this newspaper. If Chairing and bitterness. I would like to have seen that man Dent could read a tenth of them he would gather that the A.E.F. is not pleased with the in the devil's domain. Then ask them whether they deserved the savetice strine. Probable

in the devil's domain. Then ask them whether they deserved the service stripe. Probably they d vote themselves a couple of Croix & Guerres, instead, just for going through it. Yes, we'll tear off our service stripes, but the contempt, disgust and leathing for those responsible will linger in our minds long after those little gold insignia are tarnished and mildewed.

A Doughboy Buck. A Doughboy Buck.

CUT 'EM OUT, SAYS REDLEG

To the Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES:

I note with great pleasure that a law is about to be passed prohibiting the wearing of about to be passed prohibiting the wearing of service chevrons. I only rate two now and I am sure that I shall not have more than five by the time I return. They are a nuiwould also would also one to mention our service in the M.B.F. he would probably have been decorated, too.

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To the Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES:
Surely they don't think in the States that
we shall look upon the silver stripe as a
rand of failured As for the continual exuse offored by the silver stripers, such as,
'It wasn't my fault that I didn't go to
rance,' isn't it very much like saying,
'Ithat'have a chance to win a medal aso why
hould you give those brave boys one?'

It is to be hoped Congress will drop such
foolish matter. There are many of us who
at twe silver stripes, as we'll as one gold,
aut we are not kicking at the War Depart
tent's decision that gold and silver shall not
te wown at the same time.

N. C. S

AS TO LIBERTY BONDS

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Delivery of Third Liberty Loan Bonds, paid for by a soldier of the A.E.F. by allotments of his pay between April 1, 1918, and Janu-1ry 31, 1919, will only be made after the personnel adjutant of the soldier's fait has furnished a statement showing that the par value of the bonds subscribed for has been deducted from the soldier's pay.

G.O. 24, G.ILQ., which states further that where full payments have not been made the amounts still due the flovernment will be deducted from the next payroll. The G.O. prescribes the forms which personnel officers will use in certifying that allotments for Third Loan Bonds have been paid up in full.

OVER 19.000 SICK OR WOUNDED SPED FROM SINGLE PORT

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Process on Docks

I've Got Your T. W.

Laid Aside For You When

NEW YORK and EVERYWHERE

When Private

Brown got back

from France

the best dinner that ever came out of the Brown kitchen, was to stroll down town and buy a new hat.

"Oh, Boy!" said he. "You've no idea how fed-up a fellow gets of a list that's been transped out of a bit of Bethlehem steel, with no more individuality than a spoke in a wagon wheel."

And he walked out of the store with a blithe new Mallory tilted ever so slightly to one side—just to show how he felt toward the world.

Perhaps that isn't quite your idea of a home-coming celebration—but then Private Brown is one of these chans who are always dragging their hats into everything. He doet his hat on the slightest provocation—and the longest octs. He was forever throwing his hat into the ring, as he put it. He err a great store by his hat—

THE first thing he did after annihilating the best dinner that ever

When You Shed O. D.

2,900 in One Day, Bordeaux's Record Since Armistice Signing

RIDE IN TRAINS TO DOCKS

Hospital Ships "Comfort" and "Mercy" Supplemented by Regular Transports

More than 19,000 patients have been evacu-ated from the base hospitals in the vicinity of Bordeaux and disprtched to the States since the signing of the armistice. As many as 2,900 patients have been evacuated in a single

train. The evacuation company gives every assistance to the men in getting to the waiting from the base hospitals in the vicinity of Bordeaux and dispretched to the States since day.

2.900 patients have been evacuated in a single day.

4. As they pile off the train, preparatory to embarking aboard ship, the convalescents resies to the many and the pile of the train, preparatory to embarking aboard ship, the convalescents resies to the many file. But they don't think of the parties to the patients in the vicinity of Bordeaux are being carried to the port in hospital trains, oftentimes the same train he inguised that brought the patient from the front during the fighting. Ambidances and tracks are used await.

All hospital men that are evacuated are divided into company gives every assistance to the men inguised that brought the patient from the front during the fighting. Ambidances and tracks are used await.

All hospital men that are evacuated are divided into company gives every assistance to the men in getting to the waiting com. Where necessary, men are assisted in walking or their baggages is carried to the port to the first the patient for the patient from the first part of the patients in the vicinity of Bordeaux are being carried to the port in hospital trains. oftentimes the same train he inguised the patients of the Red Cross.

All hospital men that are evacuated are divided into companies of about 100 men each time are accommendations for so many other Class D cases on a certain ship, this information being used to convey the troops back home, there are two hospital ships—the Comfort, which will carry 475 litter cases. Both of these will be loaded at Bordeaux next week.

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If trains are to be used for transport, the American superintendent of the Midi Railroad, a first lieutenant in the Transportation Department, stationed at Base Headquarters, arranges for the necessary number of hospital trains and train crews, and also with the French authorities for the dispatching of these trains over the French roads. The majority of the patients are evacuated from the Reau Desert hospital centers near Bordenax, and this necessitates traveling over three railroads, a distance of about 14 miles from the hospital to the docks. This part of the arrangements is most important, for the steamers go out on the tide and the patients are put aboard at the last possible moment.

One day last week 1,108 men were transported from the hospital centers and put aboard the ships. The whole procedure was run on schedule time. Is made up of 16 cars as follows: Wine ward cars, a staff car, a pharmacy car, a supply car, a personnel car, an infectious ward car and two kitchen cars, one on each end of the train. The personnel is made up of three officers and 33 emisted near, including three cooks, a registered pharmacies on board and travels with the train. Each train has a capacity of 360 litter cases or 480 "sitting-up" cases.

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The men who laid the first stones of the shell-torn marvel at Reims, the hilltop eathedral at Bourges, the imperishable Notre Dame at Paris did not live to see those temples completed, knew that it would never be their lot to see them completed. Preposterously idealistic and impractical, they worked with their eyes on the future. Their work was good because it was not done for themselves. They builded for the

Now, before the peoples of the world, are laid the architects' plans for a great mansion, and soon work will begin on the foundations. If, indifferent to the needs of future generations, the builders plan it only for the convenience and short-sighted con-fort of their own immediate occupancy, that mansion will not be good to look upon, nor will it withstand the tempests of the waiting centuries. But it will still be standing, beautiful, strong, spacious, a thousand years from now, if those who lay its foundations today build it for the Lord for methodic. for posterity.

CHATEAU-THIERRY

Already American feet turn toward Château-Thierry. Already the battered city on the Marne is become a shrine for pilgrims. It is all smiles these days amid the new prosperity these visitors bring. Guides lead the way through the memory-crowded

lead the way through the memory-crowded streets, and in the windows, through which less than a year ago machine guns spat their fire, souvenirs are on sale.

It seems probable that Château-Thierry will always be the great American shrine in Europe—the Gettysburg of the A.E.P. It is a curious and yet altogether natural thing that this should be so, and the reason lies approached dealer than the more fact that somewhat deeper than the mere fact that Château-Thierry is nearest to Paris of all our memory-towns.

It is true that only a few hundred Ameri-It is true that only a few hundred Ameri-cans ever fought in its streets and, though there is associated with it all the lighting that the spring and summer saw between Soissons and Reins, it is true that our greatest effort, our most unstinted suffer-ing, our most grievous losses, were spent on quite another and a later battlefield.

But Château-Thierry is more than a bat-tlefield. It is a symbol. It is a symbol of that dramatic moment in the history of that dramatic moment in the history of mankind when—recognizing Europe's great emergency, scrapping all her careful sched-ules of training and equipment and relying on the grit and ardor of her youth—Amer-ica rushed into the fight. The old Marne town means that to those who love America. That is why, for Americans, all paths in France lead to Château-Thierry.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES

If our old friend Robinson Crusoe had lived and been shipwrecked in this day of wood pulp and public opinion, his chronicler would probably have had an entirely different tale to tell. The first thing Robinson would thave done after discovering footbrints on his supersedly wright island. ootprints on his supposedly private island would undoubtedly have been to dash back to his goat-skin domicile and start a newspaper, thus beating Friday to it and providing something to read in his idle time. Put a few Americans, soldiers or otherwise, most any place in the world and three things are almost certain to result in a reasonable short start of the proposed to the control of the con

things are atmost certain to result in a reasonably short space of time; a theatrical performance, a wave of popular demand to move elsewhere, and a newspaper.

Camp, trench and billet papers have been reasonable in Foundation that the first state of the care of the car

gone, but since the sword has been sheathed the pen is coming into its own. Unit pub-lications are appearing from the Rhine to the Pyrenées.

They can't all be enumerated here. But the Tars and Tripes, the Bars and Tripes and the Cigars and Snipes are, at least flattering. All we have to say to the whole bundle in

Welcome, brothers!

THE ABSENTEES

The lucky Americans were those whose training in civilian life fitted them for service when the war call came. They did not have to face the dismaying and sometimes impossible task of learning all over again. It was their rich privilege to have something besides muscle that the country wanted. Of such were the doctors and nurses. Of such were the actors.

The A.E.F. was still young when the appeal went back across the Atlantic for showfolk to entertain us—an appeal that still stands, for the response to it never met

The difficulties which beset the fairly

forts of our existence, many of them are solid for life in the hearts of young

It is in honor of these 700 that it is worth It is in honor of these 700 that it is worth recording with what singular unanimity the big stars stayed away. With a few exceptions, the ones who could best have afforded to come, those great favorites of the theater whose names are printed largest and whose pockets are stuffed fullest, failed to answer the call. Name over the 20 or 30 best known men and women of the American stage and see how many of them. American stage and see how many of them came. One or two, perhaps. No more. came. One or two, perhaps. No more.
The luxury-loving, overpaid, overpraised crowd, the spoiled children of America—

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1919.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Why is it that the matchless cathedrals of France, built hundreds of years ago, still stand to receive the hushed and wondering Yankee pilgrims, shaming by their strength and stately beauty the weaker and more tawdry structures of our own day and generation? Is it because the care and toil and love, not of a few years but of centuries, went into their building?

The men who laid the first stones of the

THE ROUND TRIP

"We expect not only to maintain the present average, but gradually to better it until the middle of spring, when we look for a substantial increase in shipping." That is General Harbord's answer to the A.E.F.'s universal question: "When are

we going home?"
This week con-

This week comes the specific announcement that the divisions of the A.E.F. will go home in the order of their arrival, and the forecast of sailings for the months to

The G.H.Q. statement bears out General

The G.H.Q. statement bears out General Harbord's prophecy that the boost will come about the middle of spring.

All right. Look back a year. What was happening in May, 1918? The big, boost came in the middle of spring that year, foo. The C.-in-C. had told the Allied High Command, "All that we have is yours"; American troops were soon to be rushed to the Marne front and help put Château-Thierry on America's war map; the main Allied line of lateral communication in the north was under fire; the German menace hung over on lateral communication in the north was under fire; the German menace hung over Paris. And the transports got into the war as they have never got into it before. Americans came to France at the rate of 300,000 a month, and men who did not land in France until early in June took part in the counter-offensive below Soissons on July 18. When the noon rush starts this read.

When the noon rush starts this year, when the A.E.F. begins to hand in the second half of the round-trip tickets, which ome of its members have been holding on to for over 21 months, it will not, praise God, be for the same reason.

OUTLAWS

Within a week two creatures, in a class with the men who starve little children, kick dogs and light with brass knuckles— barbaric exponents of the theory that might makes right—shot down innocent, unsellish makes right—shot down unnocent, unselfish-men. Young Emile Cottin, intelligent, chaste and a professional anarchist, is now awaiting trial for an attempt on the life of Georges Clemenceau. Young Count von Arco-Valley, student, aristocrat and leader of the Royalists in Bavaria, paid with his life for the murder of Kurt Eisner, the new Republic's idealist-leader, and plunged Munich into civil war.

new Republics ineanist-leader, and pringed Munich into civil war.

Both assassins were ardent devotees to a cause. Their political theories were oppo-site. Their methods were identical—and dentically futile.

While the best minds of the age are struggling to bury personal and national orejudice and erect out of the blackened remains of the world's greatest wholesale nurder a structure that shall mean eternal justice, a shield for the weak, a curb to the strong, to establish right as might's muster—these two outlaws of civilization shoot from behind with plain murder in their diseased minds and home-made baloes ready for adjustment.

ready for adjustment.

Out of the heart-breaking horror of these two stupid deeds comes one ray of satisfac-tion. Anarchy and Autocracy have two more nails in their coffins. tion.

WHEN WE GO BACK

It seems that a transport-load of returning Yanks, who landed in New York not so long ago, had it all fixed up to cheer the Statue of Liberty the moment that lovely appearing in France ever since the first tricklings of O.D. reached this hemisphere. The war was a severe and disheartening handicap to many editors in months by gone, but since the sword has been about the blow Ballack Land out on deek ready to blow Ballack Land out out of the deek ready to blow Ballack Land out on deek ready t they had appointed a cheer leader, re-hearsed their yells, and were all out on deck ready to blow Bedlee's Island clear out of the water with the vociferousness of their

the water with the vociferousness of their greeling.

"But," as it is reported in a back home paper, "when the leader opened his mouth there was something in the way that stopped the sound. There was something in his eyes that misted his view. There was no noise behind him. He looked around, and the trouble was epidemic. Soundless tears, whe has thinking non-shad word mastering.

"But they didn't seem to need care, 'cause they were baselons, which is well to some the soundless tears, which is the soll from which that pollu once syrange." such as thinking men shed, were mastering

It will be that way, more or less, with most of the things that most of our number hope to do when they get home. That trip to the Coast, that three months' loaf, that job at an incredible salary and incredibly short hours, even that girl—all plans for them will undergo some sort of a change. The pleasant pastime of building air castles in France or Germany is not without its uses as an exercise of the imagination; but the transparties of these castles that the statements in the statements of the statement of the transportation of those air castles, like moving Cologne Cathedral to Milwaukee s something else again.

Of course, some of the dreams, some of the plans will come true. It would be fine if all the good ones should come true. But The difficulties which beset the fairly willing players were many. Red tape by the mile, passport piddling, enraging delays of months and months—all these things clogged the machinery of good will. That they were not insuperable, however, is evidenced by the fact that more than 700 players are here now. Some of them—came at great personal sacrifice, most of them are thoroughly familiar now with the disconsomewhere between Brest and Boston, Bor

The Army's Poets

WHEN SAMBO GETS BACK TO DIXIE

Bon jonah dere, Lizah Jane!
How's you-all dis yere aujourd'hui!
I'se been to Frawnee 'n' beek agin,
'N' you shore'll soon compree
Dis yere Frawnsay lingerie.
Aw, oui, maw charlecee,
I drn see you sho' conpree!
Voils, a joli kissComme saw, mah Dixie belle!
You'all's better'n any Frawnsay
mademoiselle!

Prancis W. Ew Francis W. Ewing. Pvt., Co. A, 309th Field Sig. Bn.

LIBERATION

I met him on the city street; His brow was sad, his mournful eyes Sorrowed for some longed-for light; Aerosa his face deep shadows crept, As if within his soul there slept Celestial dreams, condemned to night.

I found him then on Freedom's line;
The shade had flown, and gleamed his eye,
As if his dreams had loosed their bond;
The soul that sped in martyr flight.
Had found its longed-for glory-light.
Amid the unknown realms, beyond.
Fra Gui

A SOLDIER'S GARDEN OF VERSES

The world is so full of a number of Huns I'm sure we should all take good care of our guns.

Oh, a tent is a wonderful place
When the smake blows all about
And the rain comes down in little drops
And puts the fire out!

The pen beneath our billet floor Has two pigs in it, maybe more: We've never seen them, but we know That that's where all the leavings go.

The goat's a pleasant animal.
Who cats most anything at all:
He steals the cookies and the string
And always smells like everything.

I'm glad I do not like to fight,
It's nasty to shed blood
And march all night without a light,
Especially if there's mud.

It's very wrong to be about
At 9 o'clock when sergeant looks
To see whose blankets are not out
And finds someone to help the cooks.

In drill time it is very nice
To whip the cream and chop the ice,
To fetch the water and the wood,
And help the cooks prepare the food,
110th Ammunition Train.

DAYBREAK IN A BILLET

It is a frosty morning, cold and damy;
No sound disturbs the calm tranquility.
The light that lives is but an ancient lamp.
That guides the oxen ere they step on thes—
But hark the mighty butler is awake, a
And does with his infernal weapon make
A crashing sound like thunder.
Doughboy, if then remainst unmoved by such
noise.

noise.

Tomorrow's sun will find thee out-of luck:

tomorrow's sun will find thee out-of luck:

to, up! thou brave, and with thy guns and toys

Go forth and start to carn another buck.

Howard A. Herty,

Regtl. Sgt. Maj., Inf.

RIG-ROY

"Big Boy" for them was good enough,
But not for me to call him so.
(Not that he didn't have the stuff,
I lowed him that, I'd have you know),
But mor's this—throughout the corps,
He was the best, exceptin' me.
For I stood six feet four or more.
While he was only six feet three.

One night when Fritz, ashellin' high. In dugouts had us all at bay, A wounded pal erept in to die. Yet told na where another lay; And, while we lost good time to think, Ol' Jim went out, but not to stay Beyond that dark and final brink That hovers never far away.

They say that Heaven's over there
For every soldier staunch and true—
'Cause held listel's more light to hear
Than this old life of mud and slew:
So when my time arrives to go,
I've got a little debt to pay—
For when ol' Jim shows up I know
''Hello, Big Boy.'' is what I'll say,
N. G. Peters.
Sgt. San. Tr., 166th Inf.

THE GAS SHELL ON THE GRAVE

My message was in code Because we had an excellent listening in system On the bothe wires in that part of the line; And where we used the signal 'phone We acted on the hypothesis. That the poor old squarehead had an equally good Electrical envestropper on what we said (Though, of course, he hadn't).

Changh, of course, he hadn't).

Lad carefully connectated About his of the topsy-turry letters—
A colved message looks like a youngster's, say, a holging youngster's.

Nextly stacked alphabetical blocks
After a hand grenade has been tossed at them—
I had spilled about half this hasheesh of letters
To Graham, our artillery linison officer at the other
end,
When his voice—or was it his!—halted me!
"That last letter—was it D! D for Danger!" the
voice asked.
"No, no." I replied, on the mental qui vive, now,
"No—B for beer—Muenchner beer!"
"Ach—ah, yes!" cann the answer, "Menchner
"Protter, exactly!"
"I'mtter, exactly!"
"I'mter, exactly!

"Let me tell you about it,—er, Graham. While I was up in the line behind 'Floodie's' post it in the state of the state of

As brave as the soil from which that poilu once sprang.

And in which he now sleeps.

And in which he now sleeps.

Fat don't let me get gushy. Graham!

The strange thing was that a gas shell, one of your—I mean a bothe gas shell had plumped itself.

Right down on that grave, nose greedily buried in And tail resting on the edge of the little fence.

It was the most animated, determined looking shell free ever seen. It had a real, bestle-browed, schreck lichkeit attitude,

Resting at that angle; as if at any minute it intended to go right through to China, and by competition alone.

alone.
Put the Pekin Gas & Electricity Co. out of business.
But like so much Teuton schrecklichkeit stuff,
Graha—it didn't go off!
It was a dud—it didn't go off!
And what I wanted to tell the boche artillery officer
That either his registor was rotten—
The shell was nowhere near a trench—
Or that his kanonen Fritzes were pretty sorry sportsmen.

Arming a gas shell at a flower bed, like that:

Aiming a gas shell at a flower bed, like that:

Cause you know how gas would have withered those flowers. Graham,

And the poilu being quite dead these many months.

Why, in the name of all sportsmanship.

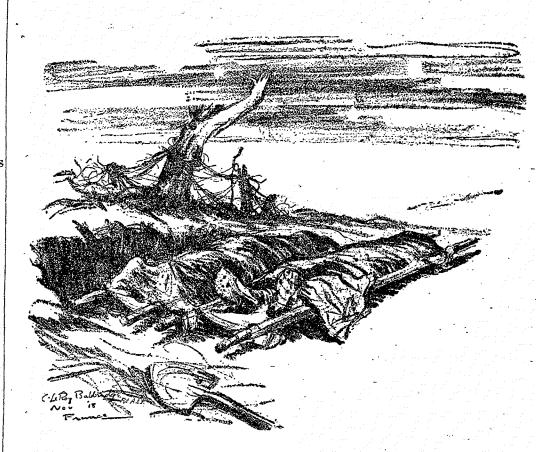
Kill the blossoms which a dumb but sensate France Had made into an aromatic monument!—

As that stinking gas shell would have killed them, 'Though, of course, it didn't)."

"Striking case-very striking," came the voice the other end, "But go on with the message, please." And I might have, (Though, of course, I didn't).

Arthur McKeegh, 2nd Lisut., Inf.

THE FIRST TO GO HOME



THE SHOULDER-PADS

To the Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES:—
Insignia are blooming on left shoulders of the A.E.F. with the rapidity of dogwood blossoms in the homeland forests or the field anemone of the early spring days. When they first appeared it was explained officially that they were intended to serve a threefold purpose: (1) to prevent men from straying ianocently into unknown and dangerous places, or from getting lost from their own outfils: (2) to promote esprit de corps among these organizations of the A.E.F., and (3) to promote discipline.

Today, however, and every day since the cessation of hostilities, there is an apparent change in inaignia dasigns and purposes. Certainly there is an apparent change in facilities, there is an apparent change in singuis and this feeling is one of discontent and dissatisfaction on the part of those who are told to "put them on."

Would it not be another addition to the morale-building structure. The Stars and Stripes has erected and distalled. o the Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES:-Insignia are blooming on left shoulders of

building structure The Stars and Stripes has erected in the A.E.F. if you would tell the thousand officers and men why they must strip off their former mark and replace it with a new and strange-meaning design, when, after the war is ended, they are trans ferred from their old outfits, with which they served in the line, and assigned to duty in some headquar ters of a non-combatant organization—one that never saw service at the front nor did duty outside of

Hundreds of officers and men, wounded and discharged from hospitals, snatched from their old friends and units because they have special qualifi-cations for administrative work elsewhere, or who have by some unsought order been assigned to duty outside their divisions, have found themselves signed to new fields of endeavor. Now, when the men report, they must discard the only symbol they bave of old association and days spent at the fron with the old crowd and pin on a new and unmer ing, though very beautiful insignia of the new unit It tears the heart to strip off that old-tag. It hart the pride—vanity, if you choose—to pin on another and is a particularly disagreeable task when you or implies that you have never seen service at th

We who have been compelled to do this ask if any of those commendable uses the insignia was originally intended to skree are being served by this new order of things. I shall always regret the day I was ordered to leave the outfit for special duty with a headquarters in the rear I beery the day when I was ordered to remove the only vestige left of old friends, of the old company with which I served from the time it was uniformed until it fired the last shot in the war, and place in its stead a two-by-two-sizes of controllers. two piece of embroidery that meant nothing unless

A CLASS "A" COMBATANT

HIS OLD STANDBY

To the Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES:-... Here's something I want to get off my chest! Two years ago this coming June, I abandoned a splendid career as a booze comedian and enlisted in the Army. One of the very first things they gave me was a pack carrier. It's the harness in which a soldier rolls up his blankets. extra underwear, clean inasmuch as most of us men will soon be rett

me was a pack carrier. It's the harness in which a soldier rolls up his blankets, estrate underwear, clean towel (1), etc., and drapes on his back when he moves from place to place.

When it's loaded on the inside and your extra shoes, overcoat, rain coat and gas mask, reserver rations, etc., are tied all over the outside, it weights about 85 pounds and is known as a full pack. It causes more grief. cussin', and sore feet than any other thing in the Army, but after an all-day hike I'm compelled to admit that the old shelter half and blankets come in real handy at night.

Well, I've dragged this darn thing from Camp Kearney, California, across the American continent, over the Atlantic ocean, through England, and all over the battle front of France. It's been with me day and night; in box cars (40 hommes 8 chevaux), and on foot. And any day at the end of sn eight or ten-hour hike I'd freely bet my last franc that it weighed a ton. I've scrubbed it for inspections until it's nearly white, it's been my one constant companion, and I've scrubbed it for inspections until it's nearly white, it's been my one constant companion, and I've sort of grown fond of the thing.

When we are mustered out, I understand they are going to take it away from us, and that is where going to take it away from us, and that is where

When we are mustered out, I understand they are going to take it away from us, and that is where I ask your help. I want it, the whole works, complete, and also a good, new uniform, to have and to keep as personal stuff. If the government will not make me a present of it, please try and fix it so that I will be able to buy it.

ALFRED E. McCARTHY,

HEADLINES OF A YEAR AGO From THE STARS AND STRIPES OF March 1, 1918

"TIN SOLDIERS" PROVE METTLE IN FIRST RAIDS—Night Forays on Chemin des Dames Give Men Long-Sought Chance —Croix de Guerre for Two—Wild Irlah Exceed Objective and Romp Through German Trenches 750 Meters—Live Sou-venies for Colonel—Supprise Visit Across Line Without Preparatory Barrage Nets 13 Boche Prisoners.

VANKEES LEARN BIG GAME HUNT IN LIVE SECTOR—Fumous French Inst-tulion Welcomes Troops to the Chemin des Dames.

BOCHE GUNNERS LEND ZEST TO HOLIDAY NIGHT — Star Shells Light Way for Washington's Birthday Party Guests—Gunners Race Into Lines—Journey Through Modern Pompell Lends Squarely Across Bull's Eye for Hun Target—Pour Nations Drink Tonst—Frenchman, Italian and Briton Join in Honoring Memory of Republics Father.

RUSSIAN PEACE PUTS NO DAMPER ON HOME SPIRIT—Attitude is One of Earnest Sympathy for a Blindiy Strug-gling People.

REMEMBERED AT HOME

To the Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES:-On Memorial Day, May 30, 1918, the McLaughlin W.R.C. No. 26, G.A.R., of Mansfield, Ohio, held serv ices for the American boys who sleep on foreign soil, and in the cemetery where the G.A.R. grave are decorated they assembled a mound of roses. A each corner was the Stars and Stripes and at the head was a cross marked: "Our Boys Over There." Every Memorial Day in the future this spot will mark the love and remembrance of the American

mark the love and remembrance of the American mothers for those boys who sleep on foreign soil. Our only son, Sgt. John D. Gray, 146th Infartry, is now in the hospital, wounded and gassed in the Argonne on September His father was one of Sheridan's boys in '61, and is still living. MRS. ANEVA GRAY.

YET HOW ACCURATE!

To the Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES :-To the Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES:—
To settle an argument on what the meaning of the word "casual" was. I looked it up in "The Concise Oxford Dictionary." It read:
Casual: Accidental, irregular, undesigned, unmethodical, carcless; laborer who works when the chance conce; poor who sometimes need poor relief; ward for relief in workhouse.

Now, lan't that a fine pedigree for a self-respecting doughboy to have hooked to his name! I suggest a change, "toot sweet."

W. C. SIMON,

W. C. SIMON, Casual Emb. Camp No. 1, St. Nazaire, France.

THE GANG

To the Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES:—
Will you kindly inform me through your estremed paper whether or not Congress has ever passed a solid authorizing cooks to wear spurs! As I approached the rear door of a kitchen at Limey to the dinner I saw a cook wearing a pair of bright, and the state of the constant of the state of the constant of the con

ANXIOUS ANNABELLE.

[If you have searched in the I.D.R., it would be an act of supercrogation for us to look any further on our own account. But have you tried "One Thousand Simple Recipes"! It might be in that.—Editor.]

A 2ND LOOEY SPEAKS

To the Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES :-Now, a word for the most picked-on, kidded, ranked-over and helpless victim of buck-passing in the A.E.F.—the second lieutenant.

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Them's harsh words, I'll admit, but even if they don't rhyme there may be a little truth in prose as well as in poetry. The writer is stationed in a port in which, the papers say, the Y.M.C.A. conducts over 80 entertainments—ministrels, vaudeville, etc.—daily, and when he has had the opportunity to attend an occasional entertainment he has invariably had the exquisite pleasure of hearing at every one of these some threadbare joke pulled of at the expense of the helpless "second loorys," as we are familiarly called. And the tendency although seasoned with a goodly portion of well meaning, is to hold this particular member of the commissioned personnel of the American Army in a position of ridicule, reflecting considerable disrespect upon his status as an officer.

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I speak as a soldier who has seen service in the Army all the way from a buck to a second licutenant, and who, during this military evolution, has worn three branch colors of lat cords before being commissioned. And with everybody in the A.E.P., including top sergeants and ham fatters, continuously trying to explode all the regulations and traditions of the service by using our status and rank as a joke before the screen of ridicule. I sometimes wonder why we were ever required, in the old school, to respect our superior officers. Certainly, the prida, glory and honor of being called a "shave" is an other incentive to the enlisted man to become famous. First sergeants (except mine) are getting away with that of late, and I am in dread of the day when the M.P. on the corner hails me with a "Mornin', shave."

have.''
We don't expect General Pershing to come We don't expect General Fersing to come when a hemisphere of us when he "premontes to fill vacancies in the A.E.F." but we would request that the poor, hard-working second, lieutenant be spared from being the subject of jokes and ridicule and left to bear his crown alone.

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THE GIRLS AT TRIER

To the Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES: We are willing to bet any odds that the greater part of the A.E.F. had forgotten all about Valentine's Day until Baldridge's portrait of an American girl with verse below appeared in The Stars and Stripes.

Stripes.

But there is one spot in the Army of Occupation where the day that girls look forward to was not forgotten, and that was Trier. At the Bahuhof there is a Red Cross canteen that is run by girls who give the station an American atmosphere throughout. Forget the German signs and you can easily imagine yourself in Akron. Ohio, or Indianapolis, Ind.

On Friday night the large waiting room that is used for a canteen was decorated with hearts and curled paper lanterns. But the finest treat of all

curled paper lanterns. But the finest treat of all was the delicious, heart-shaped cookies—they just

noted in one's mouth.

And if we had to hand out D.S.C.'s or D.S.M.'s, led Cross canteen workers who attend regularly

the dances for culisted men every Wednesday even-ing at the A.R.C. Enlisted Men's Club in Trier. Usually there are about a dozen heroic girls and nearly a thousand romping doughboys. A space about ten feet wide and the entire length of the floor is roped off. To jazz furnished by any of the bands stationed around here the girls dance with the lucky fellows, and every two minutes change partners at the signal of a "loovy" with a whistle. And so the dance goes merrily on for two hours with

hardy a rest for the girls. They come closer to solving the problem of perpetual motion than any we have seen in a long time.

As these girls serve at the A.R.C. cateteria, is it any wonder that, on the morning after, an innocent permissionarie, who probably never saw the dance, gets coffee poured on his oatmeal instead of milk!

FRILLS

To the Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES:— I have seen many officers wearing miniature divi-sional insignia on their caps. Is this authorized by the uniform regulations?

[There is no authority for such frills. The Inspector-General will get them if they don't watch out. He will also get all the trick sergeante who have been wearing miniature chevrons on their oversenses.—Editor.]

QUIET REIGNS ON ANNIVERSARY OF YERDUN BATTLE

Scattering Booms from Demolition Units Only Reminders

SOUVENIRS IN ABUNDANCE

Garrison of Douaumont Already Has Own Museum in Tunnels of Famous Fort

Spring will come to France next month, but spring will not come to the field of Verdun. Already the grass is green on the broad stretches of Champagne; in the Vosges the anow patches linger only in the stubborn shelter of rocks that bar the sun; but there is no portent of resurrection in all the stretch of churned gravel marking the line of forts that protect the citadel of the Meuse from the postlesses.

Only on the pathless slopes that lead to believe them course new born brooks, sub-

between them course new born brooks, sub-limating in crystal pools from which no man would dare drink.

Standing on Donaumont, toward sunset of Pebruary 21, 1919 — a blustery, squally, though not a particularly cold, day—you could have looked east and west and north through the clear air of the heights of the Meuse and seen, over and beyond Le Mort Honnme and Hill 304, the heights of Montfaucon; down into the Voivre and the salient of St. Mihiel; off to the north and the crests of Les Jumelles d'Ornes, the Twins of Ornes, which were in-side the German lines when the army of the side the German lines when the army of the Crown Prince set out, just three years to the day before, to conquer Verdun, and with Ver-dun, France, and, with France, the world.

Bones Still Strewn About

Standing there, with desolation at your feet and with possibilities of more desolation i to lie within a yard of you whichever way you may turn, with bones still strewn round about, the white harvest of winter rains, you night have heard, without straining your ears the dull, resonant boom of an H.E .-- yes, ever

might have heard, without straining your cars, the dull, resonant boom of an ILE,—yes, even on February 21, 1919—last Friday.
They will tell you in Verdun that these booms are a frequent occurrence; that the ground often shakes with them; that the paper window panes often belly in and out and even break from the concussion. They will tell you that last Saturday the noblest boom of them all set the city quivering and jostled down a few more loose bricks, for an American demolition unit farther up the Meuse on that day set off 50 tons of useless but still potent. explosives, astablishing thereby a record for post-armistice destruction that will stand until some other demolition until zealously goes out and collects 51 tons.

Standing on Douaument, on that anniversary sunset, you would have thought those booms singularly the proposed of the production of the producti

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For Donaumont is a veritable souvenir hunters' paradise. If a French store window is filled with chased shell cases and other trophies labeled "Verdun," the chances are that they are wholly genuine, for it would be easier to pick them up at Verdun than to turn them out one of the store of the store of the death of the German idea. You will find them were not not all the most rabid collectors will go after, and be sorry for it if they survive), lie about in desperate profusion, rather the worse for weather, but still tangible mementoes of the death of the German idea. You will find them oven on the northern slope of Donaumont's twin sister for of Souville, for it was on that slope that the German idea. You will find them even on the northern slope of Donaumont's twin sister for of Souville, for it was on that slope that the German idea. You will find them even on the northern slope of Donaumont's twin sister for of Souville, for it was on that slope that the German idea. You will find them even on the northern slope of Donaumont's twin sister for of Souville, for it was on that slope that the German idea. You will find them even on the northern slope of Donaumont's t

Hardly a Celebration

The occasional activity of American demolition units was the closest approximation to a celebration which Verdun keld in home of the greatest day in all her luminous his tory—probably for the simple reason that there are not enough people there to provide a spectacle or an audience, from Donaument Youx and Twins of Ornes were blending the troubled gray sky, you would have seen on the left bank of the Mense, the swift, flery ascent of flares, red and white and green—or perhaps blue—lingering and lighting up the valley with some of their ancient balefulness. They, too, like the duds, were left-overs in the hands of Yanks at play, and, like the duds, it was only are ordinary ceincidence that shot them off on February 21—quite likely there will be far more shot off on March 17. Thus much, and thus much only, did Verdun observe her anniversary.

SILK PAJAMAS FOR CASUALS

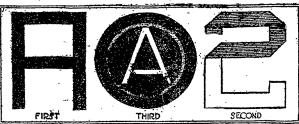
A French count breathlessly pushed his way past a major and presented himself before the deak of a licutenant of M.P.'s in Le Mans a few days ago, exclaiming: "I'm rained, Monsieur! I have been robbed of all my valuables, Monsieur! I lock up my house, go away to war: I come back—poof! All gone. Ruined, Monsieur!" He waved his arms in descript.

It was true. The count had been robbed of

It was true. The count had been robbed of a lot of finery, almost 20,000 franes' worth. But who had taken it?

The M.P.'s got busy and put all their detectives to work. It was soon discovered that several buck privates who lived near the mansion were cutting tough steaks with pure gold knives and scooping up pommes frites with gold forks. Further investigation also brought to light that a number of casuals steeping over a livery stable, were in the labit of going to bed attired in silk pajamas fringed with lace. Several men are now under arrest and awalting trial. The court's pajamas and underwear will be laundered and returned to him as well-at long 2014 minutes and supplied the sold for the trial of the part of the

A.E.F. ARMY AND CORPS HISTORIES AND INSIGNIA



Shoulder Markings of the Three American Armies

Seventh Corps

Organized August 20, 1918. Commanders:
Maj. Gen. W. M. Wright,
Maj. Gen. Omar Bundy
and Maj. Gen. William G.
and Maj. Gen. William G.
6th. 81st and 88th Divisions in the Vosges sector
September 26, 1918.
Insignia: Figure '47';
in white on a blue shield.

Eighth Corps

Ninth Corps

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Herewith are reproduced the official shoulder insignia prescribed for the three. Armies comprising the combat forces of the A.E.P. and the nine Army Corpse which make up these Armies, together with data on the organization of each with data on the organization of each.

Organized August 1, 1918. Commanders Maj. Gen. Onar Bundy, Maj. Gen. Charles C Ballou (commanding Synd Division, the only division in the Corps before the armistice), and Maj. Maj. Gen. Charles C Maj. Maj. Gen. Charles C Maj. The first Army was organized August 10, 1918, and was under the command of General Pedistance and the command of General Pedistance and the command of General Pedistance and the command that the command that it was concentrated in the Argonne sector. The Army is now composed of the First, Fifth and Eighth Corps, with Army Headquarters at Barsur-Aube.

Insignia: A block letter "A" of black cloth, four inches high, three inches wide. Special markings for Engineers, Q.M.C. Ordnance, Medical and other departments are prescribed to be worn under the cross-bar, between the two legs of the "A."

Second Army

Second Army

The Second Army was formed October 10, 1918, and was put under the command of Licut. Gen. Robert Lee Bullard on October 12. This Army took over the castern part of the Toul-Sto. Menchould front from the First Army. Its sector was considered quiet until November 10, when an offensive movement was started. The Sixth and Ninth Corps now compose the Army, whose Headquarters are at Toul.

Insignia: A block figure "2" divided into two equal color bands, red above and white below.

The Third Arms was organized as the Army of Occupation on November 14, 1918, and is commanded by Maj, Gen. Joseph T. Dickman. It is composed of the Third, Fourth and Seventh Corps, with Headquarters at Coblenz. Insignia: White letter "\hat{\pi}" centered in a red circle "\hat{\pi}". the whole on a background of blue. The colors red, white and blue represent the national colors, and the "\hat{\pi}" and "\hat{\pi}" stand for Army of Occupation.

First Corps

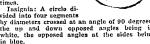
Organized January 20, 1918. Commanders:
Lient. Gen. Hunter Liggett (then Major General), Maj. Gen. J. T.
Dickman, Maj. Gen. V. M.
Wright. At the opening of the Mease-Argonno offensive, September 26, 1918, the corps was composed of the 28th, 35th, 77th, 82nd and 92nd Divisions. At various times 17 divisions have been attached to the corps for operations.

Insignia: Brown circle superimposed on

Second Corps







Fifth Corps

Organized July 10, 1918. Commanders:



Organized 1919 10, 1819. Commanders:
Maj. Gen: W. M. Wright, Maj. Gen. Gen. Gen. G. P. Summerall. At the time of the Meuse-Argoune offensive the corps was composed of the 29th, 32nd, 37th, 79th and 91st Divisions. At various fines 13 divisions operated with the corps.
Insignia: Five tringles with a common focus forming a regular pentagon. General officers wear gold triangles and piping on white background. Corps staft officers have all triangles blue on white background, with gold piping. Officers of corps troops have lower

WAR RISK WRINKLES

RUSSIANS ARE KEEN FOR YANKEE CHOW

Released Prisoners Wander Into A.E.F. Camps in **Regular Droves**

WILLING TO WORK ON K.P.

Authorities on Location of Salvage Piles But Know Neither **English Nor French**

Thousands of one-time Russian soldiers, men without an army, a country, or a place to lay their heads, are wandering into the zones lying near the old front now occupied as billeting by American divisions.

areas by American divisions.

It is pure hard luck, rather than any inclination of their own, that has converted them into the trainps of war. They are men who had been hold by the Germans in some cases from the very start of the war, who had been working behind the enemy lines in the West up to the day of the armistice, and who straying away in the conjusting took the shortest.

It led them down through Lorraine and the It led them down through Lorrame and the vailey of the Meuse and the Mossile into fresh American battle country. There in the areas just behind the old lines where divisions are now quartered, they have been strolling in unannounced ever since on Yankee outfits who hadn't the slightest idea what to do with them. Seeking only three sources and a bed, they have been picked up and handed over to guard details, who have the easiest guarding job in the world. For the idea of escape never cutere the heads of these innocent Slav prowlers. It would be like expecting a man to oscape from a comfortable boarding house after he had paid a month in advance.

Turned Over to French





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guest of 79th Division Headquarters at Souilly, about of Verdun, four time in a row. Ho is living proof of the sdage that you can't keep a good Russian down.

The former subjects of the Czar — Lord knows whose subjects they are now—are almost without exception sturdy, even plump individuals, and do not tend to thin out conspicuously on contact with an American mess. They are dressed in odds and ends of uniform that seem to hespeak a knowledge of the location of aslvage piles, although most of them retain their Russian issue caps. Some are in French dress, while occasionally one will blessom out in tolerably complete O.D.

They may wear anything, but they can speak only Russian. The Americans for whom they do K.P., general policing and anything clse with zest seem to think, however, that some French onght to be in the intellectual equipment of avery gentleman regardless of nationality, and the fact that their charges never understand it worries thom not a bit. Besides, if you set a pail of whitewash in front of a man, give him a brush and show him the side of an Adrian barracks, ho doesn't have to understand your language to know what you want him to do.

Persistent Mascots

There is, of course, an occasional Russian who speaks English (and always insists on going back to the States with his adopted out. it, and there is an occasional Yank, who migrated from Russian and remembers some of the jaw-breakers, but there is little need for interpreters.

interpreters.

Not all of these grown up war waits are content with merely cating and sleeping. A few have some wild ideas about making money. To this end they assess their hosts one or two empty tobacco tins and fill them full of hand-nade rings of the familiar tin souvenir variety, displaying some ingenuity in fashioning a finger ornament out of, say, a mess knife.

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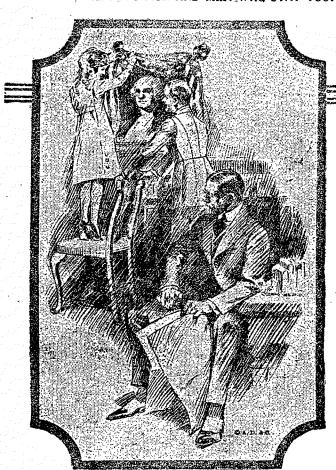


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GROUND IS BROKEN FOR GREAT STADIUM

Structure for Allied Meet Must Be Completed in **Ninety Days**

WILL SEAT 22,000 PERSONS

Reinforced Concrete to Be Used Plans Provide for Huge Running Track and Rugby Field

Ground was broken yesterday for "Persherounn was proken yesterday for "Persh-ing Stadium" on the old French military training ground at Joinville-le-Pont, where the great Inter-Allied Olympic games will be pulled off about June 1.

The contract was let Monday to Buisson and Gifferd Paris problicate and only for

Giffard, Paris architects, and calls for com-pletion of the structure within 90 days.

pietion of the structure within 90 days.
The plans were drawn for the Y.M.O.A.,
which provides the immense structure for the
Army's use as a compliment to its Commanderin-Chief. At the completion of the InterAllied games, the field will be presented to the

Allied games, the field will be presented to the French Government to remain as a permanent reminder of the American Army's presence on French soil, its first invasion of Europe.

In the letting of the contract, the Y.M.C.A. operated jointly with the French and American Armies, the former donating the field, the plumbing and wiring of the stands and dressing rooms. The plans were approved by Maj. A. MacGlashan, 103rd Engineers, for the A.E.F., and by Lieutenant Chaveriat for the Comite National d'Education Physique et Sportive et de l'Hygiene Sociale.

Seating accommodations will be provided for 22,000, 3,500 within a covered amphitheater. Bianding, it will be possible to accommodate 40,000.

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WUJICK WINS BREST MIDDLEWEIGHT TITLE

Trims Howell in Special Bout After First Match **Ends in Draw**

Winners in the middleweight, welterweight and featherweight classes were determined last week in the elimination boxing bouts to select men in the various classes who will represent Camp Pontaueren. Brest, in the S.O.S. finals for the A.E.P. mitt honors.

Wujick captured the middleweight title by trimming Howell after they had fought one bout to a draw. O'Hara won in the welterweight class from Roynolds and E. F. Murray beat Pellinsky in the featherweight finals. The results of the bouts last week were as follows:

Featherweight (Semi-Finals)

Company B. 28th Engineers, and Connacker B. 319th Engineers; winner, Furv. sy, Company G. 8th Infantry, and Cambbell, anthoners: Elimer, Zellunky, K.O., first round, ds. 8th Infantry, and Bergloffer; winner, Rey-r default.

Featherweight (Finals) Murray, Company E. 25th Engineers, and Ze Company G. 8th Infantry; winner, Murray,

Company D. 25th Engineers, and Icavier, re. 8th Infantry; winner, Sulsman, Company E. 25th Engineers, and Howard, E. 8th Infantry; winner, Murray, K.O. in Supply Company, 8th Infantry, and Was

Lightweight (Semi-Finals) Murray, Company E, 25th Engineers, and Copulos Supply Company, 8th Infantry; winner, Copulos Suisman (Bye).

Welterweight (Semi-Finals)

Wujick, Company I, 8th Infantry, and Com-Company A, 5th Brigade Marines; winner, Wujic O'Hara, 5th Brigade Marines, and Fleming, pany A, 5th Brigade Marines; winner, O'Hara.

Welterweight (Finals)

Middleweight

Connolly, Company N. 8th Infantry, and Howel Respital Train No. 47; four-round draw. Middleweight (Finals)
Wulick, Company I, 8th Infantry, and B
pital Train No. 47; winner, Wujick.

SPECIAL BOUTS

Welterweight Class
La Biane, 113th Ammunition Train, and
pany D, 319th Engineers; winner, Katz.

Middleweight Class

Sanders, 147th Aero Squadron, and Shert Regineers; winner, Sanders.

ENGINEERS STAGE GOOD RING SHOW

Boxing Contests Inaugurated

at St. Florentin Y.M.C.A.

The eleverest ring talent in the 66th and **62nd** Engineers was matched at the opening boxing tournament of the Y.M.C.A. at St.

Hoe, 62nd Engineers, and Joe De Marco, 66th Engineers, Hoe had the advantage from the start and won easily. Bugler Deitzel and Private Harehman, both of the 62nd, put on a lively scrap with the decision going to

Harshman.

The 62nd boys are anxious to stage a fournament at the Y.M.C.A. at St. Florentin
and some of their eleverest boxers are open to
challenges, including Corporal Hoe, 105 pounds
or over; Corporal McKevitt, 140 pounds;
Private Franti, 145 pounds; Corporal Swanander, 170 pounds, and Private Harshman, 118
pounds.

ander, 170 pounds, and remains pounds.
Lieutenant Anderson, of the 88th Company,
Transportation Corps, is handling the fights and will be glad to arrange matches with
A.E.F. boxers who desire to don the gloves with these men.

ARMY ATHLETIC GUIDE

A Mass Athletics and Games handbook has been sent to the printers by the Army, and 18,000 printed copies will be issued about March 1 for distribution to statistic effects and directors of the A.E.F. In order to put over the big mass statistic and games program estilized in G.O. 241, it was necessary that a standardised book be published, detailing the whole subject of games and athletics. The book was edited by the Department of Athletics of the Y.M.O.A.

IMPOSSIBLE TO HOLD A.E.F. SKATING RACES

Plans to hold an A.E.F. fee skating championship meet have been abandoned after careful consideration, owing to several obstacles it is the way of such a tournament. The first of these was lack of salishle skates. There are very few in France and it would take too long to have them sent from the United States.

Another obstacle which confronted the promoters of the scheme was lack of a suitable pince to hold the meet. Chamouix, the site originally suggested, is in a remote corner of France, ahout 5,000 feet above sen level and if a meet was staged there it would be impossible for members of the A.E.F., other than participants in the tournament, to be present in any number.

The Palsia de Glace in Paris, formerly used as a rink, is not now available as it has been fitted up as a theater by the Y.M.C.A.

CANNES TAKES BASEBALL TITLE

Downs Marseille Nine 2 to 1 for Championship of the Riviera

Saturday by defeating Marseille, 2 to 1, at Nice. The game had been extensively adver-tised and 5,090 people attended, applauding many fast plays with gusto. Three bands vied for popular favor. American, French and Algerian and Oriental Jazz, snappy French

Algorian and Oriental Jazz, snappy French marches, and the latest syncopated importations were heard in rapid rotation.

The contest was played on the Nice Athletic Park diamond and society was present in force, filling the stands. Curious handbills, combination score cards and rules of the game were distributed among the crowd.

Allongther it was a real Washington's Birthday celebration and the article of ball displayed was high class. Haynes and Stefan both pitched splendidly, the former having a slight edge on his opponent. The two nines exhibited real team play.

By winning, Cannes captures a handsome silver cup presented by the "Eclsireur" of Nice. The nines were tendered a banquet after the summary:

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VANDERMEERN WINS CYCLE RACE

Beats Mechanic Pellam Over Five Mile Course at Bar-sur-Aube

Through his victory over Mechanic Pellam in a five-millo match race held on Washing: 122 yill dash-Pirts, Hardwise, 139th Intantry ton's Birthday at Bar-sur-Aube, Private Vandermeern, of Troop B. Headquarters, First Army, has established himself as the strong est contender for the cycle champinoship of the First Army. He recently issued a challenge to Pvt. W. Andresen. another well-known pedal pusher, and a race between these two is being arranged.

Both men are of the top-notch variety in the States and have taken part in the historical grinds held in Madison Square Garden. Vandermeern is the former champion of Belgium, while Pellam, in recent years, has ridden with Bobby Wallhour and other pedalists of prominence.

prominence.

In the match between Private Vandermearn and Michanic Pellam great interest was displayed among Pirst Army men in respective support. Vandermeern finished some distance ahead of Pellam in the fast time of 25 minutes.

CIRQUE DE PARIS FORMALLY OPENED

Four Thousand Wounded French and Americans are Guests

The Cirque de Paris, the largest amphitheater in the French capital, was formally opened on Washington's Birthday, and the crowds attending the afternoon and evening shows were estimated at 5,000 and 7,000 re-

spectively.

Three thousand French "blesses" and 500
American wounded were present in the afternoon by special invitation, when musical numbers by the G.H.Q. band, of 50 pieces, and
vandeville acts were interspersed with the
values contests. glove contests.

A long program of bouts, including exhibitions by the French champions, Vittet and

tions by the French champions, Vittet and Criqui and by American stars, recently returned from the Italian tour, was ran off. Chocolate and sandwiches were served.

The amphitheater has been leased by the YM.C.A. and will be the acone of the A.E.F. boxing championships in April, the Army having acopted its tonder by the YM.C.A. it will also be the scene of the Faris District championships. Capt. Alian If. Muhr, athletic offeer for the District of Paris, has announced that these finals will be handled by the athletic department of the Y.M.C.A.'s Destrict of Paris office, with Jimmie Bronson, who, for several months, has been matchmake and referee of the Y.M.C.A.'s weekly bouts at the Palaia de Glace, exting as official manager of the big shows.

There will be a boxing show at the Cirque de Paris every Tuesday night, replacing shows that have been held at the Palais de Glace.

SPORTING GOSSIP

Henry W. Punke, former football and base-ball star of the Cazenovia (N.Y.) College, is now top sergeant of Company B, 104th Ma-chine Gun Battalion.

Sixteen members of the Columbia University 'varsity craws of 1914, '15 and '16 served in the Army during the war, one being killed in action.

The 11th Eugineers defeated the 312th Engineers in an exciting Engby game Sunday at Saint Andre de Otabee, near Bordeaux, 11 to 0. They also staged a series of boxing bouts at the YM.O.A. in that area, the most exciting match being a four round go between Covelle and Mulcahey, the decision going to the latter on points.

The 220th Field Remount Squadron carried off six prises and divided a seventh out of 15 trophies offered in a field meet at Remount Depot Re. 7 at Merigane recently. It won three of the four bine ribbons offered in the Animal Show for Cavalry, Light Artillery Horses and the best group of Mules, while red ribbens were wen in the Reveille Race, Bare Sack Mule Race and Shotk Race.

FOURTH DIVISION LOOKS LIKE WINNER IN THIRD ARMY GRIDIRON BATTLE

Coblenz last week and sent a very muddy pig-akin tumbling, end over end, just above the cross bar from the 25-yard line for the only score of the game between the 4th Division

When a khaki clad warrior dropped back of ward gridder is Lieutenant Thatcher. Left ten crouching figures on the football field at Coblenz last week and sent a very muddy pig-Thatcher in days gone by. Lieutenant Colonel kin tumbling, end over end, just above the Sibert of West Point, plays center, while other cross bar from the 25-yard line for the only West Pointers on the team are Major Coffin. fullback; Major Prickett, end, and Major Lit

score of the game between the 4th Division and the Fourth Corps. few recognised the kicker. But it was Tenney, Captain Tenney of Brown University, Providence, U.S.A., farmous all-American half back, who used to give ends and tackies and defensive halfbacks chills when they saw him headed their way, with or without e ball.

This 4th Division outfit, by the way, looks like the logical contender for the Third Army, Fourth Corps put up a stubborn battle, title. Let's look over its personnel. There is Hamilton Fish, famous Harvard captain, and now captaining his eleven in Germany, and now captaining his eleven in Germany, the plays right tackle, is tail and lean and swarthy and six feet three, and still kicks with his letf foot. The other tackle is Moriarity, Wellbrach, of New York, standing ont again noted Georgetown star. Another former Har-

HONORS ARE DIVIDED IN BIG TRACK MEET

139th Infantry and 129th Ma chine Gun Battalion Tie for First Place

A battalion and company competitive drill and track meet was held last week at Com mercy by the 137th, 138th, 139th and 140th Regiments of Infantry, 129th Machine Gun Battalion and 35th Division Military Police. It proved to be a contest between the 139t Infantry and 129th Machine Gun Battalion

with honors even.

The 137th, 138th, 139th and 140th Infantry Regiments all had entries in each of the events, and the different maneuvers were executed with such uniform excellence that th winners were in doubt until the final result

In the hattalion drill, the 139th won first place, with the 137th second and the 138th third. The company drill resulted as follows First, 137th; second, a tie between the 138th and 139th. The judges were Mai, T. H. Lo

of the 129th M.G. Bn., Maj Halliburton of the 128th M.G. Bn. and Capt. N. Harrower of G-8

Practically every one of the 15,000 present took some part in the meet which proved successful from every viewpoint. The large fiel was marked off in sections with each of the

was marked off in sections with each of the regiments carrying out their part of the schedules, which included playsround ball, soccer bail, relay races, mile walks, tug-of-war, boxing, volley ball and novelty races. Especially noticeable was the completeness of detail and arrangement which marked the work of the 139th Infantry, under the direction of Captain Ristine, regimental athletic officer. Captain Redmond, divisional athletic officer, of the 35th Division, had charge of the meet, which demonstrated the beneficial results of the Army athletic program, bringing the activities to the different units in a way to get the maximum advantage for the men.

The results in the track meet were as fol ws:----

PLAY SCORELESS TIE

29th and 36th Divisions Clash at Bar-sur-Aube Before 8,000 People

Eight thousand people saw the 29th and 36th Division elevens struggle at Bar-sur-Aube Saturday for the pig-skin championship of the

Saturday for the pig-skin championship of the First Army, the contest ending with neither side having crossed the goal line. Arrangements have been made to play the game off Monday upon the same gridine, when another big battle is predicted.

Two outstanding features of the contest were the work of Chaplain Withington, former Harvard star and All-American tackle, for the 29th, and the playing of the Indian Mashett for the 38th. Both proved to be stone walls upon the defense, and were largely responsible for the absence of acoring.

Captain Mallon broke away in the first half for a spectacular 30-yard run, carrying the ball to the 38th Division's 15-yard line. With the 29th Division men straining every nerve to push the ball across for a touchdown, the referee's whistle ended hostilities.

The teams lined up as follows:

36th Div. Position Rollins Left End 29th Div. Left Guard Bight Tackle Bellian Frank Right End Cranfil Quarterback
Left Halfback Ruhl Clarke Mello Clarke Mello
Fullback
Officials: Umpira, Captain Pappen: field judge, Captain Pappen: field judge, Captain Pappen: field judge, Captain Pappen: field judge, Captain Pappen; field of Second Army).

FIELD CLERKS BEAT DOUGHBOYS

Come From Behind and Grab Flag in G.H.Q. Basketball League

The Army Field Clerks' basketball five wor the championship of the G.H.Q. Basketball League Monday night, when they defeated the Company C quintet in a hard-fought contest,

was leading, 5 to 2, but the men who sport the crossed quills on their collars cut loose in the econd period and soon had their opponents

recome period and soon had their opponents on the run.

The G.H.Q. team, which is now eligible to compete in the A.E.F. finals, was coached and nanaged by Thomas P. O'Hara. The players are Jerdin, Bachman and Gallagher, forwards: Martin, Henry and Freark, guards, and Gilder-leeve, center. Following is order in which teams finished

BRECK ELIMINATES WATTER AT CANNES

Southern Tennis Crack Beaten in Straight Sets 6-4, 8-6

Despite the fact that atmospherical condi-tions along the Riviera have proved anything but ideal of late, good progress has been made in the officers' singles and doubles tennis championship tourney at Cannes.

A new record was set on the opening day when 78 singles matches were pulled off, but from then on to the sixth day old Jupiter Pluvius took a hand and only a few scattered contests could be decided. Just when it appeared as though the tourney was to deger erate into a singles and doubles competition in pinochle, the sun came out and ideal tennis

weather was again on tap.

In order to speed up the play, the courts of the Hotel Metropole and the Officers' Club were added to those of the Cannes and Carlton Clubs, swelling the total to 18.

With the reaching of the third round of the singles competition, doubles matches were in-augurated, being befittingly opened when the grand old pair of majors, Wrenn and Larned, grand old pair of majors, Wrenn and Larned, took a stirring match from Captains Lyons and Graves, 2—6, 6—3, 6—3. The marvel of the tournament has been the work of the former top-notchers, who were considered to be beyond their tennis prime. In the singles, Colonel Davis and Major Allen have outstripped their celebrated opponents, Majors Larned and Wrenn, who have been eliminated

the truly close matches. Both now enter the third round.

Colonel Davis sprang a surprise by taking Captain Coulter into camp in three sensations

Captain Coulter into camp in three sensational sets 4—6, 8—6, 6—3, the southpaw drive of the winner proving unheatable.

One reversal of dope was the defeat of Captain Watters, of New Orleans, by Lieutenant Breck in two speedy sets, 6—4 and 8—6. Speedy service and splendid volleying from mid-court netted the victory. The peerless Williams is in proper form and of course, is the favorite for premier honors. Captain Washburn has easily vanquished his two opponents, as have Colonel Johnson, Captain Cannon and Lieuts, Dean Mathey and Stoddart. The Cannes and Carlton Tennis Clubs are set smid the most exquisite flower gardens of the world, and the fragrance of the acaciss lend an exhibarating touch to the beautiful scene. A more delightful spot could not have been selected for the tournament.

WITH THE YANKS ALONG THE RHINE

Wrestling is becoming very popular in the hird Army. At Coblenz Saturday Private Johnson, Company B, 54th Pioneer Infantry, after being thrown by Private Rogers, Company B, Motor Repair Park Unit, in the first fall in 50 seconds, took the second fall in one minute and 55 seconds.

Several good boxing bouts were staged, the

best of the evening being between "Spider" Kelly, of the 28th Field Hospital, 105 pounds. and Private Moriarity of the 148th Field Ar-tillery, Battery C. 166 pounds. The boys went three swift rounds, hammering at each other incessantly and blocking scientifically. The judges couldn't agree on the winner, though the big crowd yelled that it be termed a draw. From the ringside it looked as if Kelly grabbed the decision.

Boxing bouts have become one of the most

popular features of the Officers' Club in the popular teatures or the Omers' Cinh in the bridgehead city, the best fighters in the Third Army being brought there. Wednesday evening is 'Circus Night' for enlisted men on leave in Coblem. The program of entertainment comprises boxing and vaudeville stunts.

the crazier and more bizarre the better. At the Y.M.C.A. in Trier Thursday evening the 166th and 88th Aero Squadron's fighters and Lou Brice and his O.D. comedians from the 61st Pioneer Infantry furnished one o the most successful entertainments ever pulled off in that area. Albert Schaff, of the 166th, and Fred Smith, of the 88th, fought three fast rounds to a draw. John J. Salerno, of the 166th, tackled Bob Shaner, of the 88th, and after the two had fought like wildcate for a few rounds, Salerno put his opponent to sleep with a baymaker.

38th Infantry Wins Two Meets

Boxers and wrestlers of the 88th Infantry soored was victories in meets with the Third Ammunition Train and the 8th Machine Gun Battalion at Niedermendig and Nickenich. At Niedermendig the 38th won three of the

Battalion at Niedermendig and Nickenich.

At Niedermendig the 38th won three of the five boxing and wrestling botts with the Third Ammunition Train, the other two resulting in draws. Hastie, 38th, whe was matched with Kenny, 3rd Ammunition Train, in the 140 pound class, had the better of his opponent all the way, winning easily. Matteola, 38th, beat Hockney, 3rd Ammunition Train, in the 150 pound class, being the aggressor throughout, and Resta, 38th, was awarded his bout with Wijtisuburg, 3rd Ammunition Train, when Wittenburg refused to enter the ring. The 160 pound wrestling match between Lavine and Bailey terminated in a draw, as did the boxing bout and one wrestling match featured the mest between the 38th Infantry and the 8th Machine Gun Battalion. The stellar event of the night proved to be in the match between Sergesant Downs, of the Machine Gunners, and Matteola, of the Infantry-men. Downs was picked as the probable winner before the men entered the ring but his opponent proved to be a tartar. The men were evenly matched, both tipping the scales at 145 pounds, and the going was heavy. When the referee amnounced a draw the verdict proved satisfactory to everybody, including the fighters.

In the other two bouts, the 38th representatives proved victorious, Bolduc beating Stosteck, and Barnard winning from Headly. Dromphy and Rich engaged in a 140 pound wrestling match, which went te Elch in two straight falls, the Infantrynam showing a better however.

YANKS TO PLAY IN NICE GOLF TOURNEY

Will Vie With Civilians For Trophy Offered By C.-in-C.

RIVIERA LINKS FAMOUS

Monte Carlo and Nice Golf Clubs Have Two of the Best Courses in the World

A golf tournament open to French and imerican civilians and soldiers will be held wer the famous golf links of the Ribiera to-Civilians will vie with soldiers for a hand

come trophy donated by the Commander-in-Chief of the A.E.F., who recently played 18 holes over the course at Monte Carlo and was so impressed with the links and the scenery hat he suggested a tournament be held for

nembers of the A.E.F.

Through the efforts of Edward L. Warner, prominent golfist of Detroit, and Y.M.C.A. thletic director for the Riviera leave area.

prominent goinst of Jactroit, and Land. As athletic director for the Riviers leave area, soldiers have been granted the privilege of using the greens of the Monte Carlo and Nice Golf Clubs. The former is on the creat of Mount Agel, just back of Monte Carlo. It is 3,000 feet above the waters of the Mediterranean and the view it commands is magnificent. No other course in the world can approach it for scenic appendor.

At picturesque Cannes, close to Nice, is the Nice Golf Club, Here, as at Mount Agel, there are 18 holes, but the two courses present a wide contrast. The surface at Cannes is practically level, while at the Monte Carlo Club the course is difficult and humpy. The waters of the Mediterranean wash the southern extremity, while luxurious palms and orange trees encircle the other three sides.

An A.E.F. tournament for officers and men of the A.E.F. is being planned to take place toward the close of the tennis tourney at Cannes, the officers playing one week and the culisted men the next.

TEACHING FRENCH TO BOX

Two Ohio boxers, George White and Jakey Taylor, are busy these days instructing French soldiers in the manly art of self defense as it is practiced in America, while the 143rd Field Artillery is waiting in the woods below Verdun for orders to return home.

They have from 30 to 50 pupils two nights a week and are showing them all the fine points of the game. According to George and Jakey, the Frenchmen are quick to learn, their native shoulder movement making them natural feluters.

77th DIVISION WINS

A well played game of football at Sable-sur-Sarthe Monday between the 77th Division and the Eighth Army Corps Headquarters elevens resulted in a victory for the pigskin chasers of the 77th, 6 to 0.



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TWO NEW MEMBERS OF THE SOIL CLUB



DISGUISTED AS A

SALVAGE SAVES ARMY \$62,932,735 IN YEAR'S WORK

"Cootie Soap" Invention Starts 1919 Program of Thrift

PERSONNEL OVER 11,000

91 Per Cent of All Articles Received Have Been Recovered On-Rest for Patches

The Salvage Service of the A.E.F. was a year old the 16th of last month. It claims to have saved the Army \$62,032,734.86 and it says the work has just begun.

Right off the reel it has commenced its scond year with the announcement that its economics branch has solved the cootie This versatile organization is now "Cootie Soap." one application of making "Cootie Soap," one application of which is sufficient to obliterate forever the whole cootie family and all their eggs. Forty thousand pounds of this soap has already been made. Most of it has been sent to Le Mans, where it is said to be working effect-

The directions for making the soap are very simple. They were proposed by Col. D. C. Howard of the Medical Corps. "Boil one part of soap chips in four parts of water and add two parts of kerosene oil or four parts of gasoline. This jellies when cold."

gasoline. This jellies when cold."

So the Salvage Department begins its second year. In saving nearly \$56,000,000, the service has recovered on 91 per cent of all articles received, the remaining 9 per cent being used as raw material in patching, mending and renovation. The cost of operating the service as compared with the value of its output has been 11 per cent. This includes all costs of materiala, renthals, employees' salaries, and, in fact, all oxygenese sexcept depreciation and, in fact, all expenses except depreciatio

Where the Plants Are

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The combined floor space of the depots, shops and laundries of the Salvage Department is now 902,144 square feet, of which 177,425 is owned by the United States government and the balance leased. There are salvage depots at Bordeaux, Jyons, Nantes, St. Nazaire and St. Pierre des Corps. There are salvage shops at Angers, Chaumont, Le Mans, Paris, St. Aignan, Tours, Bazeilles, Brest, Nancy, Savernay, Rochefort, Marseilles, Gievres, Vittel, Winchester (England) and Collens (Germany).

The total personnel of the service exceeds the salvage shops of the service of the service were largely utilized in salvaging operations in front line areas during and after heavy offensives. The accumulated results of their labors were placed in advance dumps contiguous to railheads or trick line heads.

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vance dumps contiguous to railheads or line heads. illustrate the importance of these field tions to avoid deterioration of equipment, a noted that out of \$3,100,000 worth of ged materials from one buttle, 87 per of the Ordinance and 47 per cent of the cremister property recovered was suited for re-issue and did not have to be sont lyage shops and depots for renovation repair.

to sulvage shops and depots for renovation and repair.

The Salvage Service reached the climax of its career in the last month of its first year. The total value of articles repaired last December was \$9,436,639.14. During that month alone there were repaired and prepared for reissue 57,996 campaign hats, \$92,168 pairs of shoes, 101,032 rubber articles, 439,320 items of canvas and webbing, 373,321 metal articles and 2,185,970 pieces of clothing—a grand total of 3,549,807 articles repaired.

Adding to these figures the number of articles mandatured from the 9 per cent discard during the month, there were 4,255,583 separate pieces turned out by the department. The laundries of the Salvage Service during this same month took care of 7,811,560 separate pieces, which does not include material handled by the mobile field laundries and field sterilizers.

The Late Campaign Hat

The Late Campaign Hat

The cost of repairing a pair of shoes, not including lather and nails, has been 24 cents. A uniform, coat and breeches, costing 316.11, is repaired for 90 cents, including labor, materials and overhead expenses. A pair of hip rubher boots costing \$6.15 can be effectively renewed for 69 cents. It costs 18½ cents to dector up the old campaign hat.

The operation of shops and depots naturally has catalied the accumulation of certain amounts of by-product material and scrap. To enable front line troops to have more liberty of action, it will be remembered that the overlephines, such articles as overseas capt and uppers for slippors were manufactured. The soles of these slippers were made of old campaign hats and canvas from old type canvas leggings. The overcost clippings were also used in the making of thousands of insignia and brassards.

Large size tin cans have been offectually employed in lining remount stables. Leather scraps have been used in smelting furnaces where an even and high heat was demanded. From scraps have been used in smelting furnaces where on even and high heat was demanded. From scraps have been used to the content of the content o

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The American Army has 47,000 German

BASE PORTS HAVE THEIR FUN BETWEEN SHIPS

AND YOU PREFERRED

PRIVATE ? HOW NOBLE?

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FOR CHRICES

at Saint Nazaire, 15 of which were spent un-loading troops and the last three in reloading troops, is the record of a sergeant in the troops, is the record of a sergeant in the Coast Artillery Corps, who set foot in France as one of the first 50,000. He knows everything, from the tonnage of the Manchuria to the location of the bathroom aboard a tramp steamer. He can tell you when such and such a boat should strive, when she left, how many troops were aboard and how many second lieutenants left cigars and other luggage on the pier in their eagerness to get aboard. "Isn't it tough to see so many fellows going home!" he was asked.

g home!" he was asked,
"No," he replied, and added, "It was tougher hearing some guy tell about a dance no attended in Syracuse just before he left the States. That's my home, Syracuse."

The private who holds down the chair of The private who holds down the chair of Chici Informant in the bureau devoted to directing strangers of the A.E.F. who come into headquarters at Brest has some mighty trying times. But he is a diplomat and can handle a colonel as easily as a second lieutenant, and he can direct officers to every part of the town with such a smooth manner that they are never neaved because there isn't they are never peeved because there isn' motor transportation.

But when the colored doughboy came into he information deak the other day and asked. 'Boss, can you show me the way to the states?'' this private felt like resigning his ob. The colored soldier was directed to the States, but via the embarkation camp.

A State of Washington casual in Blois ba A.E.F. He had been scrambling about the ountry so much lately, after the manner of

country so much lately, after the manner of rasuals, that it was only the other day that his Christmas package caught up with him. Naturally, he was much clated.

"It's gold to be somethin' good, guys," he proclaimed. "The folks wrote me that they were sendin' me somethin' that would remind me of the Old Home State—not just ordinary junk you could buy anywhere."

He opened the package.

He opened the package.
It contained two cans of salmon.

The Y.M.O.A. dormitory at Brest is always rewided, although occupation of a bed there overnight requires that the candidate show orders designing him to stop "in transient" at Brest, and he must give his serial number, rank and organization. It is very quiet in the dormitories—has been every night, in fact, until the military police at 5:30 a.m. one morning asked to see the passes of all sieepers. "Surc," explained one soldier, who remained in bed, "just reach for my blouse over there and in the right upper pocket you'll find my ordors." Then he went off to sleep.

Days are dull for soldiers at Brest, but Sanday, it seems, is the dullest of days. Troopswaiting their turn to walk up the old gang planks and start for the States find it difficult to diver their minds from that all alsorbing question. "When do we leave?" Officers have the same difficult time. Like soldiers, cafes are out of bounds for them, and theaters and motion pictures are closed to all wearers of 0.D. So ingonious soldiers lave devised various mothods of passing the loars in Battle and the soldiers and proceed to all wearers of 0.D. So ingonious soldiers have devised various mothods of passing the loars in Battle and diplematically asked if there were any boxing gloves lying around. Finally two sets were found, and the officers headed by the Y.M.C.A. man—and there were captains, licatenants and a chaplain in the crowd—started for a large room which isn't very often eccupied.

Then followed zeveral corking bouts. All were strictly informal. Sam Browne bolts were peeled off; blouses, the shoulders of which were adorated with bare or crosses, were fung to the expectant seconds, and then the first so was staged. There weren't any rounds, the principals fighting until they were winded. Then the seconds sprang out to the center of the floor, donned the gloves and went to it for a spell.

It is reported that no blood oozed from any noses and no blacked eyes were decorated with raw beef, but one of the fighters maintained that the bouts never did lack permitted which in the stationed in Base Section No. 5, which includes the embarkation camps in and

All soldiers stationed in Base Section No. 5 which includes the embarkation camps in an around Brest, are required to do squads eas for at least "one-half day a week." Thus

prisoners of war in France. They have been completely clothed, furnished with O.D. blankets, meas kits and other equipment by the Salvage Department. This equipment is estimated as worth \$60 a man, making this item alone amount to a saving of \$2,820,000 to the Government.

Use for Dead Horses Use for Dead Horses

The kitchen conomies branch of the Salvage Service began to function in May, 1918. Vast quantities of condemned flour, grains and subsistence stores have been handled by this service and largely restored to use. Over 90 per cent of all flour received has, by the side of the concession of the condemned with the special serum to prevent decay and shipped to French buyers, Grease saved from kitchens has been converted into dubbin and soap. Since its inception this department alone has made recoveries value at \$374,315.12 up to and including the month of December. The following figures give the total recoveries for the year 1918 by the department: Yahe Octopat Depot and Shopp... \$17,18,33.14. Tries for the year 2018 by the department?

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Wood Cloth Shipped to British ... \$1.98.36.2

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Engineers who usually are writing orders destransports or arranging misplaced boxears, as well as the enlisted personnel working in connection with the activities of headquarters, can now be seen doing regular doughboy stunts.

A white battalion sergeant major was stand

A white battalion sergeant major was stand-ing in the lobby at headquarters at Brest several days ago when a colored first lieuten-ant of Infantry entered.

"Good morning, Mr. James," the lieuten-ant addressed the non-com, "do you remem-ber me?" The enlisted man remembered him for the lieutenant had worked for his father hefore he had been selected for military says.

ice.

"Are you going back to work for us?" the the Army," was the reply of the lieutenant

Down in a certain base headquarters town there is a French soldier who is very proud of the case with which he handles the English language. But when he started talking to an American, the latter usually rubs his eyes and takes a second look at the Frenchman's uni-form. The poilt his a cockney accent, and his words and phrases all are of the London dister.

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sumed faster than the French cooks could hol-them and bake them. Suddenly a lieutenan and captain appeared at the head of the line This especially good-looking girl shut off the coffee faucet, looked at the officers and en-mated.

conce Jaucet, rosect at guired:

"When did you get here?"

"We just got into this town and we want some doughnuts, please."

"There's the end of the line over by the door," the Red Cross worker commented as she turned on the old coffce faucet again.

Sum had been a pretty sick stevedore, but he had been cheerful and was given extra attention at the hospital near Bordeaux. The marse was especially insistent that Sam clean his teeth regularly and brought him tooth powder, brush and water before breakfast every morning. One day about noon Sam saked for his tooth powder. The nurse seoided and asked him if he had not cleaned his teeth in the morning.

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know that.

"Thirty-seven—fried," called one of the laddies ahead of him in the line.

"Thirty-sight—fried," came the next.

"Thirty-inine—fried," the discussion of the laddies alead the laddies are the next.

"I down a long breath,

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"I down owhether I can do it or not," he called. "But no Paris Yank is goin' to get shead of me. You can make mine 40—fried."



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into French territory. Directly back of it and supporting it, with excellent rail and road communications, was the great German fortress of Metz, hardly over 50 kilometers

made several powerful efforts to whe out the St. Minuel salient with its constant enveloping threat to Verdun. But, working under the tactical theories of trench warfare then in vogue, they mat with little success so far as ground sains were concerned. und gains were concerned.

rhere, in February, 1915, they began an at-ack to break through down the face of the hills to the plain of the Woevre. After the were in possession of Les Eparges an eved that they had killed 30,000 German their own losses had been very heav;

believed that they had killed 20,000 Gernans. But their own losses had been very heavy, the salient was not yet broken and the effort here was given over.

During the summer of 1915, they again attacked, this time along the southern face and particularly at Apremont, beneath the edge of the hills, and at the Bois le Pretre. At the latter place they tried to force their way down the deep ravines into the valley of the Mosselle. For months the battle went on, literally from tree to tree, until the forest had been wiped from the face of the earth.

By this time the French had captured most of the few square kilometers of ground within the confines of the woodland, but at a terrible coat of life, and shortly afterward a German counter-offensive of the same nature forced them to relinquish a considerable part of the ground gained. From that time until September, 1918, the St. Mibiel salient remained among the "quiet sectors," not because the French did not desire to obliterate it but because their forces were too constantly engaged. n other and more vital fronts to allow of the

fighting divisions.

Divisions of which at least one, the 26th, had there of no insignificant proportion when one day in April a German shock regi-ment attacked Soicheprey, carried the village, held it for a short time and was then rejected

ment attacked Seicheprey, carried the village, held it for a short time and was then rejected by the New Englanders.

It was quite natural, therefore, that when the American forces in Prance had at last, by the latter part of August, 1918, risen to numbers sufficient to constitute an army, having at least nine divisions which had particlipated in the great offensive battles between the Marne and the Vesle, and corps staffs, which had learned to function in command of troops in major operations, the St. Mihie sallent should have been selected as the place for the First American Army to demonstrate its power and fitness as a fighting unit.

In addition to relieving Verdun and its rail communications, the suppression of the sallent would restore 150 square miles of occupied Prench territory, including a city inhabited before the war by 10,000 people; wond reverse the threat of German attack on Verdun to a threat of distinct of the sallent had as a fine for futner of the sallent and cast of Allied attack on Metz, and would furnish a base line for futner and would be sallent the Brief in the sallent median of the formal particular of the sallent formal medians the Brief in the sallent had sallent for futners, and would be sallent the German divisions were rapidly shuttled back and forth as needed from one end of their Western battle front to the other. and forth as needed from one co

First Army in the Making

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THE ST. MIHIEL SALIENT

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Here it connected with the abstract the real withdrawal position of the salient, which was a part of that ultimate system of defense called in some places the Hindenburg line, in some the Kriembilde Stellung, and so on, but which everywhere the Germans regarded as the line on which they should say to the Allies, "Thus far and no farther."

The Schroeter zone covered the roads leading northeast from St. Mikiel by Chailton and north from Aprenont by Hendicourt, through Vigueulles and St. Benotten-Woovre to Gorze, behind the center of the Michel position. It was largely no more than a wire line, well sated, but only partly intranched, and, though fairly strong by nature the fact remained that it was a temporary withdrawal position only; that a good 22 kilometers intervened between the St. Bonoit crossraods and the main salient at either Aprenont or the Chauvoncourt bridgehead and that it would be necessary.

Disposition of Enemy's Forces

tions in the salient.

It appears that Lieut, Gen. Fuchs, commanding Army Detachment "C," disposed in the salient from right to left the XXXVth Austro-Hungarian Division, forming, perhaps with troops of the Villith Landwehr Division, to its right, the "Combres group"; the CXClind Division and the Vth Landwehr Division forming the "Mihiel group," and the Xth Division and the LXXXVIIIth Reserve Division forming the "Gorze group," The XXXIst Division was in close reserve, and the CXXIIIrd, CVIIth and LXXXVIIIth Divisions further away, but within reach.

Villth Landwehr Division apparently be longed to the Vth Army, of Gen. von Fran-cois, while on the extreme left, astride the Moselle, was the CCLVth Division, comm

as "D day," and "II hour" as 5 o'clock in the morning, and there began the gradual concentration of attacking troops along the front, cancealed from the enemy by every possible artifice and precaution. The troops along the front, cancealed from the enemy by every possible artifice and precaution. The troops along the left around the salient, the Sund, soul, maintained and state of the Moselle, to the difference of the first around the salient, the Sund, soul, sould be supposed to the salient of the first around the salient, the Sund, sould be supposed to the salient of the Moselle, to the sund the salient of the salient of the salient of the salient in their zones of first; aviation ancietity was not increased, and the masses of arriving troops and transport marched by night and concealed themselves by day.

Nevertheless the enemy got an inkling of what was going on, and several days before the actual attack he began preparations for evacuating the salient in case of necessity. But, judged by the standard of previous Genham millitary decision, their measures in this case seem to have been curiously nerveless and hesitating.

Apparently they were somowhat awad by the magnitude of the preparations against any attack, nor frankly gave it up and abandoned it, though it should be intend that at this time the German mass of reserves was already pretty throroughly involved in opposing the Brighis and French offensives between the Somme and the Oise.

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Objective and Exploitation

The advance of the 1st and 4th Corps were to attain certain objective lines by given times

On Sallent's Western Face

e 5th United States Corps had in line right to left the 26th United States Di r and the 15th Colonial Infantry ach), with the 4th United States Divi for reserve. The 26th Division, Maj. Gen page E Edwards, came into the line eas

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Although General Fuchs was in direct command of the German troops in the salient, the real antagonist of the American was General von Gallwitz, the commander of the Army Group of which Puch's detachment formed a part.

In March, 1917, he was put in command of ne Vth Army in the Verdun sector and at a later date was given the Army Group while estill had in September, 1513. On the secret experience in manipulating masses of troop many victorious fields, the German certainly and rather the best of it. But the seque thowed, as it often has done, that in such maters experience and prestige are not every hime.

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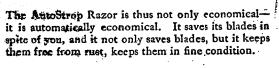
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